

PEP MEETING
March 09, 2009

President Ron McAtee called meeting to order at 7:03pm

Attendees: Ron McAtee- Pres
Judith Sohocki
Lew Ridenour
Elicia Dadlow
Luz Rodriguez
Bob Boklund
Christine Rosario
Susan Kieffer

Peter Steele – Secretary
Liz Ridenour
Pam Ruminski
Domingo Rodriguez
Joyce Cook
Clara Lawrence
Diane Noe

Announcements

Ron demonstrated stripping hardware with H2O and baking soda. It worked!

Lew Ridenour has been appointed to the board of zoning appeals
Clara Lawrence (as well as Diane Noe) has been appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission

Previous Minutes

Motion Liz Ridenour, second Diane Noe to approve the minutes as edited. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

No report

Committees

Finance Committee – Jodell Johanson (absent)
No report. Want to have a committee meeting.

Bylaws committee – Don Bowman (absent)
Bylaws draft is completed. Read at this meeting (as the first reading) and discussed.

Membership Committee (no chair)
Membership dues were due in January: \$15 individual, \$25 family, \$50 Corporation and \$10 Student Senior Citizen are due for 2008. Student is a full time student and Senior Citizen is 60 or older. Ron to send out an email to members to ask for membership dues. This will be followed up with a letter.

Social Committee - Pam Ruminski
Historic Preservation month in May, Clara is going to have a potluck at her house.

Publicity/newsletter (no chair)
No report.

Old Business

1. History Research Seminar
Fern Eddy Schultz is reviewing Tim's syllabus proposal.

2. Membership Letter
Paul Hayden of Historic Landmarks is investigating letting us have access to their mailing list.

Action: Elicia to get a response from Paul.

3. First House Preservation Gathering

Everyone there had a good time.

4. Preserve America status and \$

We did approve, as recorded in the June 2008 meeting minutes donating \$250 to the Preserve America application for LaPorte. See www.preserveamerica.gov

New Business

1. Bylaws 1st reading

2. Pinhook Church Donation

Pinhook Church donation to plaque to grace the front of the building about National Register of Historic Places. The cost of the plaque may be from \$100-\$250. We may want to recognize People Engaged in Preservation if we donate the plaque. **Motion:** Christine, second Pam to provide \$250 to Pinhook Church organization targeted for a plaque if the property receives designation, or other use if the designation is not received. We would like to publicly present the plaque to Phyllis Marks.

3. National Preservation Month Activities

Suggested yard signs for designated LaPorte properties, provided by PEP, with PEP name and/or logo, like the candlelight tour logo or the PEP letterhead logo. There are approximately 40 designated properties in LaPorte. Could also put the signs in PEP members, or other houses that were willing to have the sign. "Historic Preservation in LaPorte" "Historic properties make our city great!" or some historic promotion phrase. Action: Christine to prototype a sign layout.

4. Gift for Julie Hilbish

22 years of service to HPC (since its inception). She is stepping down. What could we get her? **Motion:** Lew Ridenour second Christine Rosario to ask Don Bowman to do a sketch of their storefront or their home with a note and an honorary PEP membership. Motion Carried.

5. Historic Preservation In-Service Day

Free workshop Friday the 13th, 9:00am – 2:00pm St. Joseph County Library presentation on economics of preservation, breakouts, presentations, seminars including lunch. RSVP immediately 574-235-9798. Restore Michiana has been cancelled.

6. Hands-on demonstration

Motion Diane Noe, Second Bob Boklund to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:51pm