

Minutes PEP MEETING Feb. 8th, 2009 Swanson Center

Members Present: Christine Rosario, Gordon Johanson, Jodell Johanson, Joyce Cook, Diane Noe, Clara Lawrence, Liz Ridenour, Lou Ridenour, Ron McAtee, Bob Boklund

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by President Ron McAtee.

Previous Minutes: Jan. no meeting due to weather. Dec Minutes Motion by Gordon second by Clara; Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: \$1730.43 in checking, \$145,968.30 in investment account

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: NR

Membership Committee: Dues are now payable bills will be sent out to those who haven't paid; Christine is meeting with the New Carlisle Historic Society. She is also compiling a list of benefits and a summary of PEP for an updated brochure.

Social Committee: NF

Nomination Committee: (Clara, Lew and Elicia members) nominations were asked for and voting procedures explained. The ballot will be sent out to all according to the by-laws with those having email getting them electronically and others by mail by Feb 27.

Old Business.

1. 1008 Michigan :
 - a. Kym Vincent has 1008 listed (extension for 90 days). Buyer still interested, coming back 4th time. Another agent requested info. Loan repayment options free 1st year, 4% second, market 3rd.
 - b. Single site historic designation application will be on the March agenda at HPC
 - c. Website now contains a picture of 1008 taken Jan.
 - d. Electric meter is hooked up
 - e. Insurance is \$928. Jodell will see what is included in that price and get back to the group.
 - f. Workshop on painting and color selection during Preservation month
 - g. Ron suggested having a party at 1008 either during May for preservation month, 4th of July, or the Sunflower Fest outside and in the place– this party would be for us and the underprivileged children of LaPorte – something like hot dogs, pop and desert maybe a tent and “rides” with a theme of old fashioned times

- h. It was mentioned that some glass was broken out and needed to be replaced. Quality Glass was suggested.
- 2. Grant to fix the old girl scout building (old J C's clubhouse) behind Lyons's Field. – Liz said that nothing was forthcoming from the owners and that it will be taken off the agenda until such time as they get back to her.
- 3. Christmas Decoration contest – only 1 email received and no entry forms so it was decided that we would forego the contest this year and extend it to the whole town next year.

New Business

- 1. Letter writing campaign for single site historic designation along with HPC - \$50 for supplies Motion by Gordon seconded by Liz. Motion passed.
- 2. Pick a new 5 most endangered structures : Old ones are: 1. Old North Side Fire Station, on Pine Lake Avenue across from McDonald's, 2. The former St. John's Lutheran School, 3rd & A streets, 3. The former Christian Science Church at 1008 Michigan Avenue 4. The Coddington Building, 612 Monroe Street, 5. The First Baptist Church, at the southwest corner of Indiana and Jefferson Avenues. It was suggested that a house at Weller and 1st might be a good candidate. Everyone was asked to come up with some others that might work and report back at the next meeting.
- 3. LaPorte Historic Preservation Commission needs help in paying for Historic Landmarks Foundation support agreement. The city gave them \$3500 of the \$5500 bill. In the past PEP has contributed and been offered the opportunity to pick one of the training sessions that HLF has given. PEP has already offered to let HLF use 1008 for a paint workshop to be held this spring and open to the public. Motion made by Liz seconded Diane. Motion passed to pay the difference of \$2000.
- 4. There was a discussion about the possible purchase of a "club house" for PEP. Joyce mentioned that the building next to her office at 110 Lincolnway was available and might make a good one. Some also mentioned that maybe PEP should keep 1008 Michigan for that purpose. No decision was made, but a lot of ideas were discussed.
- 5. It was suggested that a phone tree be put into place for emergency situations like the call-off of a meeting.
- 6. It was suggested that PEP purchase a laptop and a program like the Benjamin Moore house paint program to offer as a service to anyone wishing to paint their house but who did not know what colors to use.

Announcements

- 1. April 7-9 Preserving Historic Places, New Harmony, IN, Indiana's statewide preservation conference
- 2. Indiana Senate bill 177 was discussed and it was suggested that we each should write asking the government not to pass the bill which would make Preservation Commissions less effective.

MOTION: Lew second Gordon to close the meeting. MOTION CARRIED Meeting closed at 8:53pm.