



Preserving History Today for Tomorrow!

PHS Board Meeting: September 9, 2008

Attending:

Cicero, Joe
Davis-Fritsch, Doris
Keeler, William
Keukelaar, Alan
King, Clark

Thomson, May

Unckless, Jim
Wild, David
Wolf, George

Not Attending:

Alliger, Joan
Delehanty, Sean

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. George motioned to accept the minutes of Aug. 12, 2008, Jim seconded. All were in favor.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

In Memoriam: We observed a moment of silence for Meaghan Barry and Sean May, daughter of Bill and son of Pat. May has sent a donation to the Meaghan Hope Run and will also take care of a donation for Sean May.

Budget: Clark presented a budget recommendation to the board that totaled \$17070. The main difference between last year and this year is the book acquisition of \$3,000 for the Then and Now publication and \$500 for the Structure Committee. Doris asked if dollars were included to cover silk-screening of an a-frame sign, which would be \$100-\$200. This was not included. George motioned for the adoption of the budget as it was submitted, Alan seconded. Doris voted no, all else said yes.

FMA Open House: The suggestion was discussed to have an open house, similar to what we did last year for the local government officials, for the FMA. The invitee list would be about 250, but we could use their list to circulate an email invitation and depend on RSVP for attendee numbers. George motioned to go forward with plans to have this event. No date was set, but sometime in March on a Sunday when the Museum is already open. Alan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Board Meeting Date: A proposed schedule for our meeting to be on the same evening as the programs was circulated via e-mail. There were several people who could not accommodate this change. Doris motioned that we go back to our 3rd Tuesday at 7 meeting with the exception of dates the programs need be on that Tuesday. These exceptions will be Sept., Oct., Jan. & Feb.

Library: Clark had a meeting with Betsy Gilbert and Holly Wolf from the Fairport Library. They are digitizing the local newspapers like the Fairport Harold and developing a way to search for and identify mention of names in publications. They are also doing a local history material webpage.

PROGRAM REPORT:

Oct.: The Oct. presentation will be Kris Bensch, Curator of the Strong Museum who will talk about lighting history; All Things Bright and Beautiful.

Refreshments: Alan and Bill will work out refreshments as needed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Accounts: May submitted the year end report for review. She indicated that T.C. Lewis will audit the books for us again this year. Once this is done, Jim will do the taxes. May reported that there is \$2531.52 in the checking account and \$5175.53 in the Money Market. There is \$918217 in the CD, the Community Fund balance is \$77557.71 as of June '08 and the Grant Account has \$942.86 for a total of \$95,389.79. Thanks, May, T. C and Jim for their work on the financials. George motioned to accept the treasurer's report as stated. Alan seconded and all were in favor.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jim circulated a report that shows the current membership status as compared to last year at this time, and to year-end totals for the last several years. We are reasonably close to last year's rate of response, especially considering that the members received their letters almost 2 weeks later than they did last year. See attached.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Publicity: Joan has sent out the article on the Sept. 16th Then and Now presentation and also sent a notice to the library contact about the Then and Now publication.

Logo/Web Committees: Doris reported that finalization of the logo and development of the website is not complete, but progress is being made. A professional web developer is needed. Several resources were suggested. Doris will follow up on these.

MUSEUM REPORT:

Museum Lighting/Roof: Mitch Wilke has been over to look at the lighting project, but has not committed to when this work can be done. They are going to do one side at a time. Bill has volunteers to paint and move cases out of the way. The roofing project is due to be done this fall, but no date has been set. We discussed getting a timeline for these activities so that we can comfortably move forward with plans for events and exhibits. Alan is going to investigate with the Village what other things need doing like the emergency lighting, etc. Doris will approach Mitch or Ken Moore at the Village hall and explain our situation and try to get a commitment on timing.

Then and Now: Bill reported that the book development was ahead of schedule and would likely publish likely in Jan. '09. The photographer, Keith Boas is almost finished with images. The library showcase has been reserved in Feb. '09. Arcadia is doing the initial publicity to get the book in stores shelves.

Scarecrow Fest: Bill will open the Museum for the Scarecrow Fests on Oct. 11th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Joe offered to help him that day. Doris reported that John Fritsch will be bringing in his vintage Halloween collections for display in the glass cases along the entrance in Oct. John has also donated an a-frame sign to the Museum to advertise the display and to use for other events or for general use. Doris checked with the Village Building department and a sign permit is not needed for this size temporary sign. Some rules about not blocking the sidewalk need to be adhered to.

MERCHANTS: No report at this time.

HOUSE TOUR COMMITTEE:

Jim reported that we meet twice to develop a theme or focus for the HT. Two main ideas are under consideration; the Forest Hills area and landmark homes outside the Village. Jim is investigating with the Forest Hills Home Association President to see if the residents would be open to this event in their neighborhood. The board liked both ideas. There is a need to find more volunteers and specifically a chair for the group. Joe volunteered to be the chair.

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE:

Preservation Commission: Doris reported that the Village of Fairport Preservation Commission is investigating and considering 10 properties for designation. 9 of the 10 were from our recommended 10. The property they have on hold, Daniel and Minerva Deland house on Main and Whitney will be considered at a later date. The 10th property in the works is on the corner of 4th and W. Church and was a requested for designation by the property owner. The 5 Commissioners took 2 each to work on.

The Museum designation was accepted by the Village Board this week. Three other designations are complete and the Green Lantern Inn and the Baptist Church public hearing will be Oct. 2.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Positions: Clark asked if anyone had any suggestions for candidates to fill the trustee position. There were none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

History Truck: Joe explained his concept for mobile history chests to be loaned out to the schools to help with lessons about local history. The 4th and 8th grade class curriculum would be able to use these. Expenses will be minimal. Alan motioned that Joe go ahead with this idea. Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor. Bill will work with Joe to identify artifacts.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Oct 14th at 7 p.m. (note; second week in Oct.)

ADJOURNMENT: Jim motioned that the meeting be adjourned and George seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Doris Davis-Fritsch