

JULY 2012 MINUTES

Fort Atkinson Historical Preservation Commission Meeting
Dwight Foster Library-Wisconsin Room

Meeting called to order on Tuesday, July 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dwight Foster Public Library by Commission President Jill Kessenich.

Also present- Commission members: Tammy Doellstedt, Jenni Eschner, Greg Idzikowski, & Jan Kraus

Agenda:

1. Welcome to newest member Jenni Eschner! Jenni's contact info has been added to the attached roster. Her five-year term will expire in 2017.

2. Approval of June Minutes. Minutes read. Change the word "by" in last line of Old Business 3A# 3 to "be". Motion to accept amended minutes: Kessenich, 2nd-Idzikowski. Motion Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report Doellstedt reported our account that is a line item in the FA Historical Society budget has a current balance of \$819.40. \$212.84 was paid to 3 DPW workers. Doellstedt will confirm these charges with Jeff Woods. All funds for the survey work done by Charles Quagliana for the Tock River Heritage/Masonic building have been cleared out of the fund, and were totally covered by a \$5,000 grant. Doellstedt also reported on the Water Tower Restoration fund, which is run through the city budget. The fund has a negative balance of -\$14.94 which represents an invoice for keys for the water tower. A deposit of \$65 in donations from water tower visitors is pending, and will clear the deficit next month leaving a \$ 50.06 balance. Doellstedt will check with John Wilmet to see if this fund will remain open in 2013, to cover possible Water Tower expenses.

Old Business—

4A. Landmarks-1901 Water Tower July 4th-OPEN HOUSE—

1. Approximately 90 guests attended the July 4th Open House from Noon-5:00 p.m. The Hartwicks stayed open an extra hour to accommodate tours. Tours were scheduled every 15 minutes. Serving as tour guides were Roger Sherman, Jeff Woods, Steve Tesmer, Greg Idzikowski, Jude and Sue Hartwick. 6 chairs folding chairs have been donated and placed at the Tower. Keys have been given to all tour guides. A new person has expressed interest in becoming a tour guide. (P.N)

2. Dan Maki meeting concerning repairs is still pending.

3. Greg Misfeldt, volunteer, has installed copper flashing over flashing over the ground floor door arch. Kurt Armstrong donated the copper. Doellstedt will send a thank you to both.

4. Kessenich reported no further action taken on shrubs, will pursue in the fall.

5. Eschner will look into decorative metal pieces to be installed on benches, to discourage skateboarders from grinding on the rail. The paint on the benches has been damaged. Idzikowski spoke with Mr. Christianson, Vice-principal at the middle school, giving him a heads up on the situation. There has been no other vandalism in the last five years.

6. Several other private tours have been given this last month. Tour guides are

reminded to give a courtesy call to the FA police department if giving a tour. Please have all visitors sign the guest book.

7. Next Tour dates- Water Tower Tours-

Tower will be open the following Saturdays, from 11-1:00 p.m. August 4, September 1st, and October 6th. Doellstedt will organize at least 2 tour guides for each day.

Kraus will make a sign noting the tours for the theater case located by the Farmer's Market. Idzikowski will have a tour sign up sheet at the July 28th Farmer's Market.

3B. -Other Landmarks- -Mason Building-An Interior study is ongoing, funded as a result of a grant.

3C- Other Landmarks –Intaglio-Sign has been repainted and installed at Intaglio.

4. Website—Minutes are current at www.fortpreserves.org. Kessenich solicited ideas for upping visitor traffic to our website. Eschner suggested looking at Pinterest and other social media sites.

5. Farmer's Market Presence—Idzikowski will be at the market on Saturday July 28. This will be used to promote the July 4th Open House for the Water Tower.

6. Jefferson County HPC News- The Jefferson County HPC will tentatively host a History Conference/Bus Tour on Saturday, September 22, 2012. No updates on the Mason Farm.

7. Wisconsin State Historical Society and Wisconsin Council for Local History Southeastern Regional Conference- Friday, July 27, 2012-Kessenich and Idzikowski will man the coffee table at the 9:00 a.m. coffee hour. Forms for conference were handed out.

8. New Business.

1. State History Conference-

Dates are September 28,29 2012 in Madison. Registration forms were not available on line, will keep checking. If any HPC members are interested in attending, please make that known at the August meeting. In the past, Doellstedt, Kessenich and Kraus have attended, and found them to be very informative.

2. Kessenich will check with library staff about posting our agendas and minutes.

3. Doellstedt will refurbish a sign that she has donated to use when the water tower is open. Will check with city about a decal with the city logo for the sign.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn-Idzikowski, 2nd Kraus. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 9, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the DWIGHT FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.