

August 1, 2013 Minutes

Fort Atkinson Historical Preservation Commission Meeting

Dwight Foster Library - Wisconsin Room

Meeting called to order on Thursday, August 1, 2013, 6:36 p.m., at Dwight Foster Public Library by Commission President Jill Kessenich.

Also present: Commission members, Tammy Doellstedt, Jim Jorgenson, Greg Idzikowski, Jenni Eschner Landowski

Absent:

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of May Minutes – There is a correction to the Minutes from last month: There was \$575.08 in the Community Foundation Fund/Premier bank account and a balance of \$732.37 in the City budget account. Greg motion to approve, Jim seconds.
3. Treasurer's Report – Tammy shared the current report. There is \$839.45 in the Community Foundation Fund/Premier bank account from donations for tours. Balance of \$732.37 in the City budget account. There are two outstanding invoices: Jenni will submit expense for the skateboard stopping devices. \$75 in donation from tours will be deposited into the Premier Bank account.

Old Business

4. Landmarks-
 - a. Water Tower
 1. Tour report: Tammy shared that there were donations from the recent class reunion tour. Greg also gave a tour for the class of '63 and three people came. He also gave a tour for some Danish students. The next tour is this Saturday, August 3, 2013. Tour times will change next year to 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 2. Tower repair -
 - a. Jill painted the parts for the Skatestoppers. Jeff Woods installed them on his own time.
 - b. Jenni shared that she talked with Millen Roofing, who had done an analysis of the tank and leaking at the time that renovations were being done. Jill discussed this with Evelyn Johnson, who suggested having a meeting with her to discuss. She also asked for a formal proposal from Millen Roofing for repair work needed. The Commission discussed getting 3 quotes. Jenni will ask for this from Millen Roofing.

- c. Lights need to be repaired. Jeff Woods will look at this. The internal light failures are due to water infiltration, because they fill up with water. The exterior lights are getting new/more efficient ballasts as each fails.
 - 3. Signage - Tammy suggested we have a few more temporary signs to put out for the tour days. Greg will look at Nasco to see if there are any suitable, portable signs.
 - 4. Locks have been working.
 - 5. Caretaker's Building at Evergreen Cemetery – Jill got a call from Neil Trainer, who asked if they can run an exposed conduit to install an exterior outlet. Jill told him it is ok to do this.
 - b. Other
 - 1. Water Works building: there is a budget meeting tomorrow for the Department heads regarding budget. Jill will check with Scott Listusky about budget availability. If there is money available, the City said they will rewire the Water Works building and get the lights working.
5. Website – Tammy created a new roster, which shows her updated term, as she was reinstated. www.fortpreserves.org
 6. Market Presence – Greg will attend the Market this weekend to help promote the tours being given on Saturday.
 7. Jefferson County HPC News
 - a. Tammy ordered the third survey, which will be \$30.
 - b. The 2nd Annual Mason Jar Jamboree will happen in September.
 8. The State Historic Preservation Conference this year will be in Wisconsin Rapids on Friday Oct 11th & Saturday October 12th. Currently no member is available to attend.
 9. Hoard Museum is hosting a “research your house history” August 10th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Details at www.hoardmuseum.org Free for members, \$10 non-members. HPC members are invited to attend for a waived fee. Tammy may attend.
 - 10.

New Business

11. Walking Tour brochures – In 2009 there was a joint project with the Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society to create a walking tour brochure. We are running low, so need another printing done, for a quantity of 500. In 2014 the brochures will be edited to make updates and corrections. Jill got two quotes and is waiting on a 3rd quote. Jim offered to get quotes, as well, potentially at wholesale pricing.
12. Tammy talked about the creation of Water Tower tours. The Commission doesn't think these are necessary at this time.
13. Daily Union Home Restoration Contest/Sponsorship – HPC sponsors a restoration category for the contest. The HPC will be proactive to meet with the Daily Union prior to the contest taking place to discuss protocol and donations going forward.

14. Jim shared photos of the Water Tower, taken by Craig Wilson with a kite camera. He gave permission to reproduce the photos. Jim will contact Image Branding First, Inc. to discuss creating a poster to go into the old movie theater kiosk.
15. The lumber from the old Water Tower stair is being set aside for use as an Eagle Scout project. Tammy will call Tim Nathan, troop leader, to discuss.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn Jorgenson—1st, Doellstedt 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7: 23p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.