

Fort Atkinson Historical Preservation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 4:30 PM

Hoard Historical Museum

Present: Tammy Doellstedt, Greg Greenhalgh, Greg Idzikowski, Jill Kessenich, Jan Kraus

Guests: Kori Oberle-Hoard Museum, Ryan Whisner- Daily Jefferson County Union

Agenda:

1. **Approval of January Minutes** . Minutes Accepted with correction to #5. New Business-Greg Idzikowski was reappointed in 2011, with term to expire in 2016.

2. **Treasurer's Report**— Current balance is \$326.94. Balance does not reflect 2012 budget of \$1200.

Old Business—

3. **Landmarks**—

a. **1901 Water Tower**—

Joan Jones contacted the Commission via a memo asking about state of interpretive panels and benches and plans for signage. Jill Kessenich will follow through with some bench ideas, and contact with the Ehinger daughters.

Commission strongly favors the use of industrial grade metal benches on the outside of the tower, one or 2 if budget allows, facing the tower. Wooden Aldo Leopold benches could be used inside.

Kori Oberle on behalf of the Fort Atkinson Historical Society Board applauded the committee on work on the Tower. The Society expressed regret that the Water Tower committee has formally disbanded. The Society will not take an active role in managing the Water Tower tours at this time.

Commission stressed the need to get the education committee re-involved. Kraus will contact previous members. She will look get quotes for enlarging photos she had selected.

Discussion of dates for a possible opening include Donor opening Saturday, May 19 from noon -4 p.m. with remarks at 2:00 p.m.. Refreshments will be served.

Also open for donors on Sunday, May 20 from 1-3, no formal program. Public opening to July 4th, 2012 from Noon to 4. Dates not to be announced yet.

Doellstedt will check with dignitaries. Much discussion of plans, no formal action taken. Doellstedt will bring invitation letter to next meeting, with the goal being have invites in the mail by April 1st.

b. Water Works #2 -No Discussion

c. Mason's Building/Fort Atkinson Club-Jones has obtained an application for

Local Landmark status. Also has secured an architect.

d. Other landmarks-No discussion

4. **Website**—Mark Nordeen is redoing the website, using Word Press Software at no charge. Steve Tesmer will do some training at no charge within the next couple of weeks.

5. **Farmer's Market Presence**—Tabled until April or May meeting.

6. **Preservation Leadership Training**--Tabled until further notice.

7. **New Business**

Greg Greenhalgh will not seek reappointment to the Commission. His term expires in May of 2012. He will contact John Wilmet.

8. **Adjournment** at 5:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at the Hoard Historical Museum.