

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan Jones, Fannie Highsmith, Tammy Doellstedt , Greg Misfeldt, Greg Greenhalgh, Betty Meier, Jan Kraus, and Roger Sherman

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The October 29, 2009 financial statement, that includes the Jeffris Family Foundation Funds Challenge Grant, along with the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation Matching Grant, shows a total amount of \$175,561.38 that is available to be applied toward our goal of \$210,000. There is an additional amount of \$3,065 set aside with respect to the Lue Ehinger Memorial that is not eligible for the Challenge or Matching Grants.

This leaves an amount of \$34,438.62 yet to be raised. However, as a follow up to this statement an additional \$12,000 has been received since the October statement was developed. Thus there now remains a little over \$22,000 that is needed to meet our goal.

4. FUNDRAISING:

a, Historic Home Tour:

The Historic tour of the Bellman house was an outstanding success. \$982 was raised, with over 150 people taking advantage of this exceptional offer by the Greenhalgh's. Joan Jones arranged for all of the interactive activities. The docents had received prior information relative to the history of the home. Jill Kessenich provided a complete overview of this Bungalow era home. The music presented by the four pianists was well received. The appropriate era dresses worn by committee members serving as hostesses were an added touch of class that highlighted the day's events.

An extra special note of thanks to Greg and Laurette for the enormous effort put in and put out by them. Laurette had the home staged to perfection and Greg had the restoration and display areas well set up.

The water tower free open house had over 200 visitors in attendance throughout

the day. In addition to the tower being open, visitors were able to enjoy Pat Landowski's pumpkin dip, cookies and hot cider. This was a special treat and very timely for the fall season. It was well received.

Thank you notes are being sent to all non-committee members for their assistance, along with Bill Stroupe for providing the fall decorations.

b. Updates:

1. Fort Atkinson Alumni mailing list:

Betty Meier will continue to work with Shirley Chiochios regarding mailings to past Fort graduates . Betty will also work with Kent Vasby through the Fort Alumni Newsletter e-mailings. She will be asking for a donation of \$25 from each of the 1,200 Newsletter recipients.

2. Civic Organization letter/speaking request:

Tammy reported that only four civic groups have not yet responded with a donation to our request letter. They will be sent another letter with an offer to have a committee member speak at their meeting.

3. Power Point Program:

Joan Jones will contact John Otto from the Fort School District and request his assistance. Also, Sandy Brockl from the High School will be contacted to see if there is a student that might be interested in working on this as well. The Committee would like to look into including and linking this presentation to and with the internet site that the Historic Preservation Commission is thinking of developing.

4. Previous Contributed and New Community Family Mailings:

Tammy reviewed the information as it relates to donations. For Phase I there were 150 contributions recorded. So far for Phase II there have been 88.

Regarding the Phase II mailings, there are 100 people that gave in Phase I, that were sent informational letters and have not yet responded. The Committee will gather on November 16, 2009 at Tammy's house to address letters to those 100 prior Phase I givers in hopes that they contribute yet this year or at the beginning of next year. Each Committee member was asked to come up with five new names, civic, business or individuals, that were not previously sent donation request letters.

5. Lue Ehinger Memorial:

Joan has sent a letter to Lue's daughters reassuring them that we have not and will not forget about the Memorial. With the interior restoration work to yet be undertaken, it is felt that anything placed at the site might be in harms way.

Therefore, we would rather wait until the majority of the preservation work is completed on site.

6. Trent Margrif National Trust:

Tammy has spoken to Trent about various awards and grants that are sponsored by the National Trust. It was felt that we should not pursue anything at this point.

7. Batterman Application:

Joan Jones will talk to Ted about submitting a request for funding for the water tower from them.

c. Old Business:

The Jeffris Family Foundation Challenge Grant dates were reviewed. 10/31/2010 Challenge Grant money needs to be raised by this date. 1/31/2011 Project Architect identified and approved by Jeffris Foundation. 3/31/2011 drawings, plans and specs approved by Jeffris Foundation. 12/31/2011 project completed.

The project Architect needs to be approved and authorized by the Fort Atkinson City Council along with the Jeffris Foundation before hiring. It was recommended that Leigh Meier, Greg Greenhalgh, Greg Misfeld and Jeff Woods again interview and get an up-to-date cost from Isthmus Inc. of Madison and Mead & Hunt of Madison. After interviewing these two firms, a recommendation should follow. It was felt that this could be accomplished in early 2010.

5. Next Meeting

The winter meetings will be held in conjunction with the Historic Preservation Commission schedule. This schedule calls for a January 5, 2010 4:30 P.M. meeting in the Knox Library Room of the Hoard Museum. AGAIN, ENTER ON THE FOSTER STREET ENTRANCE.