

February 13, 2014 Minutes

Fort Atkinson Historical Preservation Commission Meeting

Dwight Foster Library - Wisconsin Room

Meeting called to order on Thursday, February 13, 2014, 6:30 p.m., at Dwight Foster Public Library by Commission President Jill Kessenich.

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

Absent: none

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of January Minutes – Jim motion to approve, – Kessenich seconded.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Premier Water Tower Fund/Community Foundation – \$1020.74 balance
  - b. Preservation City Budget - \$1088.36 balance

**Old Business**

4. Local Landmarks-
  - a. Water Tower
    1. Tammy ordered some acrylic frames for photos.
    2. There are 3 lights burned out. Tammy will contact Jeff Woods to ask for them to be repaired.
    3. Tammy is setting up tour guides for the water tower tours, starting in the spring.
    4. Kiosk/graphic panels – Tammy will follow up with the boy scouts to see if they might be interested in creating this, versus making benches for the interior.
    5. The poster that will be placed in the old theater box near the Post Office is ready to be picked up.
    6. Jill shared that the Fort Community Foundation denied our application for grant funds. They said that they would reconsider the request if additional quotes for the work to be done were submitted, along with a fundraising plan to help fund the work. Tammy stated that because it's a City building, some of the repairs should be paid for by the City and this needs to be included in the City Capital Improvement Fund budget going forward. Jill agreed and added that it is not really under any department's umbrella. The Commission talked about whose jurisdiction this might be under and perhaps we will write letters to reach out for assistance.

- b. Possible Landmark Designations for 2014
  1. Bellman House – Jim talked to the current owner. He is nearing closing on the house. He thinks it's a great idea, but will let the new owners decide if it's something they would like to pursue.
  2. Tammy suggested there is a classic Prairie Style house on Sherman Avenue that might also be a good addition.
  3. Ajango House on river – no one has attempted to contact the owner.
5. Website – [www.fortpreserves.org](http://www.fortpreserves.org) – Jill posted a blog about the Water Tower that was written by someone unconnected with the Historic Preservation Commission.

### **New Business**

6. Preservation Month – May 2014
  - a. Tammy suggested that we post the tour dates on the State website.
  - b. Tammy will make a press release for the May 3rd Tour. Providing baked goods or some refreshment might be considered for that day.
7. City Government update – Jill has been working to have the Historic Preservation become a Certified Local Government, which would open up the possibility of receiving more grant funding opportunities. Another example is that we would likely be able to open our own checking account.

**Adjournment** Motion to adjourn Kessenich–1<sup>st</sup>, Idzikowski 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.