

September 6, 2011 Fort Atkinson Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting called to order at the Hoard Historical Museum at 4:30 p.m. by Co-President Greg Greenhalgh

Members present: All-Tammy Doellstedt, Jill Kessenich, Jan Kraus Greg Greenhalgh, and Greg Idzikowski

Guests present: Joan Jones

1. Minutes-

August minutes were accepted as presented, no corrections.

2. Treasurer's Report- Current balance of \$977.79 is unchanged from July, 2011-NO new transactions, or outstanding invoices.

3. -Water Tower Update-

A. Construction of stairs is complete. Some final clean up needs to happen. No date set for final Water Tower Committee meeting and walk through by Commission members. Still need to address the roof leak. Waiting for quotes for the repair. Still waiting for occupancy limits, which is being pursued by Jeff Woods.

B. Kessenich brought motion to "Plan and prepare for a Donor Open House in spring of 2012, followed by an Open House for the Public." Motion 2nd by Idzikowski. Passed unanimously. Discussion included the desire to have Water Tower Chair present at the open house. He will not be available after October 15th, until spring. Possibility of bringing in 2 large foundation representatives through the Tower this fall, if time permits.

C. Doellstedt will call St. Paul's to inform them the Tower will not be available for October 9th event.

D. Kessenich will check with Rudy Bushcott about signage and potential landscape ideas. Discussion of need for kiosk/signage and benches.

E. It was noted that donations could still be made the Water Tower Fund at the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation. Over 300 people have donated to the two campaigns.

F. Joan Jones has had contact with Ehinger daughters, and will provide addresses to HPC.

G. Greenhalgh was given materials concerning future preservation awards for the Water Tower Project.

4. Website-

Kessenich will update minutes and contact information.

5. Landmarks-Water Works 2

A. Fall work days will be Sept. 17 & 18th, from 1-4. All are encouraged to attend.

B. City electrician Brian Tracy estimated it would take \$1,000 to rewire the building to accept outdoor light fixtures.

C. Motion to pursue spending up to \$500 towards outdoor lights installed at Water Works 2. Brought by Greenhalgh and seconded by Kessenich. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Mason's Building- Joan Jones presented a letter on behalf of the Rock River Heritage Corporation requesting that the Masons building at 211 S Water Street East be considered for

local landmark status. She briefly outlined the history. She will fill out an official application as the first step in the process.

7. Recognition of preservation efforts-

8. Farmer's Market. Idzikowski would like to do 2 more markets, possible late September and late October.

9. Preservation Leadership training: Greenhalgh will take home the training manual from the Preservation Leadership Conference and give highlights of one chapter.

10. New Business-

- a. 106 East Milwaukee- City of Fort Atkinson has acquired this property, and looks to take it down in the future, for green space, according to John Wilmet. Doellstedt will check to see if this structure is listed in the Merchants Avenue Historical District.
- b. September 23 and 24 are the dates of the State Historical Preservation and Historical Society conference, to be held in Stevens Point. Idzikowski and Greenhalgh may consider attending. Motion brought by Doellstedt, and seconded by Kessenich to set aside \$150 for conference expenses if Greenhalgh or Idzikowski choose to attend. Motion passed, with Greenhalgh and Idzikowski abstaining.
- c. Home Beautification Contest- \$50 gift certificate was purchased to fund the category in the contest that the Daily Jefferson County Union administers. There will be a press release in Late September. Winning project was 1200 W. Sherman Avenue.

11. Motion to adjourn brought by Doellstedt, 2nd by Kraus, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting: October 4, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. @Hoard Historical Museum.

Tammy Doellstedt
Secretary
September 12, 2011