

**Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation
Board Meeting of April 7, 2008
Standard Printing Conference Room**

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by President Prebys at 7:42pm.

Roll Call:

Members present: Arps, Harrington, LaRue, Nickels, Mattimoe, Prebys, Randazzo, Schmeideke, & Schreiber.

Minutes: The minutes were approved for the March 3, 2008 meeting with no corrections.

Newsletter: Marker Banquet edition. May 21 will be the Marker Banquet. Historic structure descriptions, photos and owners' names to be assembled by Randazzo.

Home Tour report: Arps indicated that the art gallery and lofts at 130 West Michigan will be featured as will 711 Hemphill, 514 Fairview, and 109 and 110 North. 8 homes are on a "probable" list for 2009. They are Mills, Knudstrup, and French among others. Home Tour party chair is needed as Penet will be unable to do so. Location of party is the Schreibers on Pleasant Drive. Possible chairs debated.

Photo project: LaRue designated chair for photo project. Schreiber and Penet are members and will meet soon at Schreibers to determine scope and timeline, etc.

MCACA letter of support: Prebys said he authored a letter of support for the grant being submitted to enhance the lobby and theatre at the Riverside Arts Center. LaRue made a presentation regarding the grant and asked the board for financial support for the re-installation of the historic Hill Auditorium box office that is stored in the attic of the center. Nickels moved to support this project with a contribution of \$2,500 payable when definite work is underway, thought to be in October or November 2008.

Motor Cities wayside sign project: Nickels discussed the sign project that we have contributed to. Mock ups of the signs were shown and the specific locations were discussed. Nickels also mentioned that the Depot Town CDC wants the YHF to collaborate on their renovation of Riverside Park.

General discussion of possible meeting subjects. Gardens, barns and Abbott and Costello were bandied about.

Next board meeting: May 5th, Standard Printing conference room at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm. Marker subcommittee stayed later to discuss properties.