

**Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation
Board Meeting of September 8, 2008
Standard Printing Conference Room**

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by President Prebys at 7:38pm.

Roll Call:

Members present: Arps, Harrington, LaRue, Mattimoe, Nickels, Penet, Prebys, Randazzo, Schmeideke, Webber. Special guest Erik Dotzauer.

Approval of the July 30th minutes passed unanimously.

Depot Town CDC:

Mr. Dotzauer, executive director of the Depot Town CDC, made a presentation. He stated the goals of the CDC and how it intends to achieve them. \$60,000 has been generated so far. The CDC office is located in the Millworks Building next to the Ypsi Food Co-op. Maintenance and utilities at Riverside and Frog Island Parks are being assumed by the CDC. Erik described sponsorship of a concert series this past summer and future possibilities such as a bicycle powered movie night. Repair of the dock stage will take place this fall including the addition of a gazebo on top. The board was encouraging and enthusiastic.

Home Tour:

Jan presided over the Home Tour report. Sales were down significantly. The closure of Quinn's Essentials could have had an impact as well as the overall economic malaise. Much discussion about ticket sales, guides and sponsorships. Barry will talk to Eric Walters about the ticket tent as problems are perceived about erecting it. Potential 2009 homes were discussed. Jan is looking for a co-chair as she will be out of town in August of next year.

Film location assistance:

Discussion led by Barry about the YHF being a point of contact for film location scouts. Andrea, Bill and Barry will drill deeper and will contact Debbie Locke-Daniel at the CVB about how to coordinate.

Sept. 24th General Meeting:

Keith Bruder to lead a discussion of barns. He has photographed structures to be honored. 119 N. Adams, 213 & 215 E. Cross, 309 W. Cross and 106, 112 & 215 South Washington will be honored.

Newsletter:

Post card to be sent. Patti reported that the next newsletter will be in November.

Photo Project:

Could the film office project and photo project be blended? Attract young participants relative to Hollywood theme?

Next board meeting: Monday, October 6, 2008

Discussion of Startweather Chapel. Don asked for funding to purchase an accessory to make moving the trailer safer and easier when working on the parade float. Board passed his proposal and agreed to an expenditure of approximately \$120. Nickels reported that the wayside signs would be erected next week. Announcements relative to both the Freighthouse and the Riverside Arts Center were made.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:55pm