Call to order:
The meeting was called to order by President Prebys at 7:40pm.

Roll Call:
Members present: Arps, Harrington, LaRue, Nickels, Mattimoe, Penet, Prebys, Randazzo, Schmeideke, Schreiber

Prebys discussed responsibility of board members, etc.

General meeting:
Discussion of upcoming general meeting about gardens. Scott Kunst unable to give program. Schreiber is looking into alternatives. She will be out of town Feb. 22 thru March 2. March 1st is the newsletter deadline.

Marker Committee:
Randazzo will continue as chair with members LaRue, Nickels and Prebys. 402 S. Huron a possibility if progress continues. Timeline for decisions on properties should be made by early April. Don will send out target dates and info. Suggestions should be sent to him.

2008/09 program ideas:
“Barn” awards to be incorporated into program on September 24, 2008. Speaker on topic will be sought. Remaining dates for general meetings were selected and are Nov. 19th, January 28th, March 25th and the 2009 Marker Banquet on May 20th.

Beer, wine and Culinary Historians discussed in relation to January meeting.

Home Tour committee:
The committee met on January 28th. John Bailey’s home at 514 Fairview a possibility. Nancie checked 1029 Washtenaw and it is not available due to a death in the family. Will check with Linda French regarding her home at 504 N. Huron. 402 S. Huron “a work in progress” could be an interesting choice. Joyce & Ward at 210 W. Michigan said “no.” Cheryl Farmer recommended 711 Hemphill and Nickels noted he used to live at that address. 110 North, 1167 Pearl, 1300 Roosevelt and the Freighthouse were brought up as well.

Photo project:
A subcommittee made up of Penny, Barry and Bonnie will look into themes, rationale, funding and others details regarding the concept of running a photo contest. LaRue mentioned that the NEW Center in Ann Arbor runs the MCACA mini-grant program and it could be a source of funding.
National Trust grant program:
Penet brought materials from the NTHP regarding a community planning grant that she thinks could assist in identifying and energizing younger people with regard to preservation in the historic district. The grants range from $500 to $5,000 to sponsor a public forum to develop a shared vision for the future of a historic neighborhood. Discussion ensued as to whether the photo contest could be blended into the planning concept. The committee of Penny, Barry and Bonnie will review and report back.

Note: Heritage Festival is August 15, 16 and 17, 2008.

Next meeting: March 3rd at 7:30pm Standard Printing
Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm