

Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation
Board Meeting of February 2, 2009
Hank & Joe's home

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by President Prebys at 7:47pm.

Roll Call:

Members present: LaRue, Mattimoe, Prebys, Schmeideke, Arps, Penet & Schreiber.

Approval of the January 5th minutes passed unanimously.

Discussion of the 20/20 task force. Debate over whether to put historic district ordinance in charter to secure it in perpetuity. Subject changed to documenting the preservation movement in Ypsilanti and its beginnings. Would Sara Harrington act as videographer?

Nickels indicated that the museum had a visit by some "ghost hunters" looking for Minerva, Asa Dow's deceased wife.

Discussion of special event this coming summer to commemorate the 80th birthdays of our members Denis Schmeideke, Don Randazzo and Jack Harris.

Freighthouse-Bonnie Penet stated that the business plan was done, the A2 Area Community Foundation has approved funding the freighthouse and wishes to provide board support and development assistance. The A2CF wants to make sure the freighthouse reopens. SEMCOG indicates rails service is a viable option in Depot Town starting in October 2010.

National Trust for Historic Preservation-Nominations for people and projects in the field of historic preservation. Due March 2nd. Preserve America communities and neighborhoods-eligibility for Preserve America grants, plus signs, websites, etc.

Kent Baumkel will be asked to attend the March 2nd board meeting to discuss writing the application. Nickels indicated that the CVB may assist in promoting heritage tourism.

Should "Ypsilanti Guide to Historic Architecture" be put on website?

March 2, 2009 is next board meeting at Standard Printing conference room.

Topics for board retreat on March 14th.