Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation
Board Meeting of March 2, 2009
Standard Printing Conference Room

Call to order:
The meeting was called to order by President Prebys at 7:45pm.

Roll Call:
Members present: LaRue, Mattimoe, Prebys, Nickels, Penet, Randazzo & Schreiber.

Don presented a list of potential historic structure markers - 120 N. Adams, 32 S. Normal, 209 N. Summit, 108 Washtenaw, Bortz and 1307 Westmoorland. The S. Normal and Westmoorland addresses were dropped from the list due to objections. Don will refine.

Kent Baumkel attended to discuss the Heritage Preservation section of the 20/20 plan. There are five major goals -
1. Create an integrated preservation strategy
2. Pursue funding for preservation, marketing & tourism
3. Partner with EMU, UM and WCC on heritage projects
4. Increase public knowledge, pride & respect for Ypsilanti history
5. Build alliances with diverse groups to encourage participation in Ypsilanti’s heritage movement

YHF could be involved, according to Baumkel, by working with the university/private sector partnership for a preservation incubator.

Approval of the February 5th minutes passed unanimously.

Penny extolled the virtues of John Cullen, our speaker for the March 25th general meeting. LED projector will be needed and a $100 honorarium is requested. Penny will bring cookies.

Patti will be asked to whip up a newsletter. Prebys and LaRue have some materials to send to her.

Alex & Claudia Pettit will be invited to join the board and will be asked to attend the board retreat on March 14th at the Haab Medical Building. Beezy’s to do lunch.

Topics for the board retreat are
1. Meeting dates and topics for the 2009/2010 season
2. Finances
3. Membership & attracting younger board members
4. Officer and board terms
5. YHF role in the 20/20 recommendations
6. Other
Prebys will try the first stab at a submission for the Preservation Directory “The best places to buy an old house.”

Next meeting is Monday, April 6 at Standard Printing 7:30pm