

Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation board meeting  
May 4, 2009  
Standard Printing meeting room

The meeting was called to order at 7:39pm by President Prebys.

Present: Harrington, LaRue, Prebys, Penet, Alex & Claudia Pettit, Randazzo, Schreiber, J. Schmeideke, Mattimoe, and Nickels.

Absent: Arps-Prundeanu, Chisnell, LaRue.

Guest: Denis Schmeideke

Minutes of April 6, 2009 approved.

Denis Schmeideke – Highland Cemetery National Register Nomination

The project has consumed 6 years.

Cemetery minutes from last 30 years and original bylaws were recently found.

Peter Fletcher is now treasurer for the cemetery board.

Cemetery will be filled with graves in nine years.

Peter Fletcher will initiate the restoration of the chapel using cemetery CDs.

Total cost of chapel restoration is expected to be \$500,000.00. Tiffany window restoration alone will be \$56,000.00 & the mausoleum cost will be \$36,000.00.

Marker Awards – Don Randazzo

2009 Awards will be presented to 120 N. Adams, 305 Oak, 518 Fairview, 313 Maple, Bortz at 28 S. Prospect, and 204 Elm.

Newsletter

Due to the lack of photos for marker houses, invitations to the Award Banquet will be sent to members.

Marker Banquet – Penny Schreiber

Jane volunteered to do clean up. Others will be asked to stay and help during the meeting.

Home Tour – Jan Arps-Prundeanu (by letter)

Home tour houses include 120 N. Adams, 518 Fairview, 218 N. Washington, 12 E. Michigan, and 1104 Pearl. The owners of 957 Sherman are considering joining the tour. The after tour party will be at 310 Hiawatha, the Dennison home.

Survey Questionnaire – Claudia and Alex Pettit

The questionnaire will be added to the HF website.

HF Job Descriptions

Membership Applications (Joe), no progress.

Program Chair (Jane), complete.

Review Bylaws, B. Penet suggested we use the Freight house bylaws as a model. The review will wait until fall.

#### Procedure Manual

Nominating Criteria for Marker Buildings, D. Randazzo will send a final copy including J. Schmeideke and Prebys suggestions to P. Schreiber for editing. The final copy will come to the board in June.

Legal Forms (Bill), no progress.

Financial Procedures (Joe), no progress.

Officer Responsibilities (Barry), absent.

#### Video Project – Penny Schreiber & Bill Nickels

P. Schreiber, LaRue, and Nickels met. P. Schreiber will meet with Jack Harris and B. Nickels will meet with Kathryn Howard. The meetings will plan the first two project videos.

#### Sound System for HF – H. Prebys

The HF could use a portable sound system for the after tour party and special events. H. Prebys will talk to B. LaRue for suggestions.

#### Freight House Rain Garden – B. Penet

The landscaping for the garden was completed last weekend. She thanked the HF for supporting the project.

#### Website Meeting – Alex Pettit

Pettit, B. LaRue, B. Filipiak, and Lani Chisnell met concerning our HF website. L. Chisnell plans to rebuild the site starting with a new updated code.

#### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 assuming Lani Chisnell can attend. Otherwise, the meeting will be Monday June 1, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Nickels for Barry LaRue