

Ypsilant Heritage Foundation board meeting
September 9, 2009
Standard Printing meeting room

Meeting convened at 7:39pm

Present: Harrington, Mattimoe, Prebys, Schmeideke, Schreiber, Chisnell, Alex & Claudia Pettit, Arps-Prundeanu, LaRue, Nickels.

Home Tour report:

351 Home Tour tickets sold. 161 pre tour and 190 day of tour. \$6,690 in preliminary gross proceeds. This compares to 271 in 2008, 424 in 2007 and 352 in 2006. Any significant changes to the tour will be brought before the board.

Pattie will do post card for Sept 23rd meeting.

Rigdon declined to speak at the November meeting.

Survey questionnaire-Alex discussed "incentives" to fill out survey, adding a button to include name & address, poss. Sidetrack gift certificate, etc.

Confusion continues regarding the criteria for marker buildings Don will re-send and we will adopt one which allows structures that are 50 years old or older.

Mattimoe prepared procedures manual for dealing with finance. LaRue passed draft of dutes to Prebys for review.

Mattimoe discussed membership application process. He would like to pass task of memberships to another. He advised creating a sub-committee to formulate plans to increase membership, attract younger members and generally energize things. Alex will ask Claudia. Pattie offered to handle membership this year as we transition. Peg DuFresne will be approached as well.

Jane brought up that the Towner House archival materials have been donated to EMU, as their preservation program is starting a special collection. They are eager and willing to accept the YHF archive materials as well.

Request for a donation of \$150 to the Washtenaw County Historical Consortium to reprint a brochure of local venues of interest. Marcia McCraey is contact. Board agreed to expenditure.

Nickels led discussion of proposal for CVB to help support a county historic preservation position. No formal action taken.

40th anniversary discussed. Penny will email board.

Art gallery exhibit was discussed. Generally board was nervous about matting and framing calendar collection. Nelson Amos might sell same on commission. Options will be mulled over.

Photography of home tour and marker awards-Board wishes to move to digital images and away from traditional film due to time and expense. Prebys will thank Denis Schmeideke for his years of dedication as we move in another direction.

Video Project- Will work with Kathryn Howard next. LaRue, Schreiber and Nickels will coordinate schedules to determine date with Ms. Howard. Jack Harris video complete and takes up roughly one hour of tape.

Lack of November speaker discussed. Possible EMU Preservation interns or Michael Klement moving up date were mentioned. Nickels will explore EMU option.

Other- Don indicated that the sculpture of Demetrius Ypsilanti need work at the base. He needs volunteers to assist in removal of improperly applied silicone caulk. Board approved use of YHF email.

Miller Motors & Michigan Ladder were mentioned as being possible marker recipients in the future.

Next meeting: Monday, October 5, 7:30pm Standard Printing