

Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation board meeting

October 5, 2009

Standard Printing meeting room

Meeting convened at 7:40

Present: Prebys, Mattimoe, Schmiedeke, Schreiber, Claudia Pettit, Alex Pettit, Nickels, Chisnell, Harrington, Randazzo (absent: Arps, LaRue)

Additions to Agenda:

- Mattimoe: "Behind the Scenes" and annual report
- Schmiedeke: Disposition of YHF archives

Agenda changes:

- Remove Chisnell from the list of board members present at the September meeting

Home Tour:

Mattimoe: numbers are not yet finalized from home tour. There are still some outstanding food-related items and one misplaced check from Alma Wheeler-Smith. Discussion regarding some miscommunication about the proper cost of a full page ad in the tour book. The fee had been reduced last year to \$125 for the ad that K. Dvorak submitted. It was intended that they fee would revert back to \$400 (previously \$500). J. Mattimoe indicated that he expects the final report to be ready at the November meeting.

Newsletter:

Items for the newsletter:

- P. Schreiber will visit and interview V. Robeson for the newsletter.
 - A blurb will be added regarding submitting the YHF archives to the EMU Historic Preservation program.
 - YHF will be celebrating it's 30th anniversary.
 - Freighthouse rain garden
 - B. Nickels to get historic photo of the freighthouse to P. Harrington for the newsletter.
- 10/30 is the deadline for submissions for the newsletter.

November Meeting:

Refreshments will be coordinated by H. Prebys and L. Chisnell and J. Schmiedeke will address cleanup.

C. Pettit will handle baked goods for the January meeting.

P. Schreiber will prepare the snack for the March meeting.

Hank will take care of coffee for the next 2 meetings.

The importance of board member attendance at the meetings was discussed. It was also discussed that board members should take the initiative to invite someone (not a member) to each meeting.

Website:

The website will be update by L. Chisnell to announce the name and topic of the next meeting. L. Chisnell and P. Schreiber will work to establish a more standardized way to communicate information which the website needs to be updated with.

Holiday Gathering:

The owners of the Lewis house will be approached re: hosting the holiday gathering. Suggested dates: 12/12 - first choice; 12/19 - second choice. Approximately 40-50 people will attend the party.

Survey:

A. Pettit reported that all suggested corrections have been made to the online survey.

Membership discussion:

- C. Pettit indicated that she is willing to function as the Membership chair.
- J. Mattimoe indicated he is looking for some assistance with the renewal campaign so that he can handle strictly the checks/monetary aspects of membership.

It was discussed that Kathleen Dvorak should be added to the membership drive list and could be on the

membership committee.

C. Pettit asked if plaque-holders had been persuaded to become members. The answer from the group was "no", but that they could be added to a membership list going forward.

Procedure Manual:

H. Prebys has received and reviewed the final version of the criteria for Marker Awards.

YHF 40th anniversary:

It was discussed that the Foundation will consider something related to the Freighthouse/cafe for it's 40th anniversary.

Calendar artwork/art gallery exhibit:

No new information on this topic.

Photography for home tour:

H. Prebys indicated that he has spoken with Denis Schmiedeke regarding the Foundation's decision to move to digital photography. The group decided that the Foundation should present Denis with some soft of recognition for his years of photography for the Foundation. H. Prebys will discuss plaque ideas with B. LaRue. An idea for a glass plaque to be done by Stadium Trophy was presented. P. Schreiber will help write up a presentation brief.

"Behind the Scenes" Tour:

J. Mattimoe noted that he received a mailing for "Behind the Scenes" days at U of M museums, archives and Libraries. 10/9 and 10/10

YHF archives:

J. Schmiedeke indicated that a full set of YHF tour brochures have been set aside for the YHF and for the EMU collection. She also said the EMU archive has asked if the YHF would be willing to donate to the costs for the presentation and/or preparation of our materials. The collection will be housed in the Haley library. J. Schmiedeke will get more info about this.

The group discussed that the board meetings will be scheduled for the first Monday of every month.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45