

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

January 12, 2012 6:30 p.m. Lake Geneva City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Etten at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall. Those present were: Dee Bark Fiske, Ken Etten, Ed Yaeger, Jackie Getzen, Mary Tanner and Ellyn Kehoe. Absent was Marcie Douglass. Tara Trent, representing the Maple Park Homeowners Association, and Patrick Quinn, our proposed new member, were also present. Marcie Douglas has requested that she be replaced as she no longer is able to attend the meetings. The Commission unanimously approved the nomination of Patrick Quinn to fill Marcie's position but it needs to be approved by the Mayor,

Minutes are approved as presented: Motion by Ed Yaeger, Seconded by Jackie Getzen.

Comments from the Public: None

Report from Geneva Lake Museum and Maple Park Homeowners' Association. The museum is closed for the months of January and February. There will be a Grand Reopening in May with a cocktail party, wine and beer, and a silent auction on Friday night and numerous activities on Saturday with free admission for those who bring food for the needy. An "Attorney's Office" is being created with the help of Henry Sibbing and other local attorneys

Update on the proposed new Railroad Depot sign and continuing the proposed "Railroad Heritage Trail" through Lake Geneva.

The sign has been approved by the Public Works Committee and the exact location will be determined after Diggers Hotline has checked the area for utilities. Motion by Jackie Getzen with a second by Mary Tanner that an additional railroad sign be installed near Simple restaurant so that outside diners could view the sign and understand the significance of the location of the tracks. Ken Etten will speak with Tom Hartz regarding this suggestion.

**Report on the status of the Geneva Theatre Building at 244 Broad Street
And update re: the Dec. 6, 2011 meeting of the Friends of the Geneva Theater, creation of a community Cultural Arts Cert, Dec 15th fundraiser at Simple Café, the new Neal Aspinall theater poster and the website.**

The website has been established at www.friendsofgenevatheater.org. The fundraiser, at \$12/ person, raised \$2,000. There was an additional gift of \$2500. Ken has established that Graven and Mayger were the architects for the building. Research is being done to determine if grants might be obtained to fund the purchase of the theatre.

Update re: Rick Bernstein of the Wisconsin Historical Society for the proposed cemetery Restoration program at Pioneer Cemetery and Horticultural Hall on Friday May 18th.

The Maple Park Homeowners' Association is trying to keep the cemetery open to the public and will be doing additional plantings in the Spring. They will also attach a sign to the larger sign indicating that it is through the efforts of volunteers from Maple Pak that the plantings are being done.

Report re: proposed 2012 City Budget and potential projects for the remainder of the 2011 year.

The Budget for the Historic Preservation commission for 2012 is \$6,000.

Discussion of additional promotional projects for the Historic Preservation Commission.

Carol Cartwright will be contacted to see if she can assist with Grant Applications.

Review of the Plaque Program and status of the recent applications. Two new Plaques have been issued by Mary Tanner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dee Bark Fiske