

## **Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2014 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.

**Roll Call:** Ken Etten, Patrick Quinn, Dee Fiske, Mary Tanner, Louise Rayppy, Ellen Kehoe and Jackie Getzen.

**Approval of the Minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of February 9, 2014.**

**Comments from the public:** None

**Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners Association**

The Picard China exhibit will be opening on April 13 and will be on exhibit until January 15, 2015

There will be a show/presentation in the Pioneer Cemetery this summer based on a diary of a young Wisconsin woman in 1800. The Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. programs continue every Tuesday. On Wednesday, April 30 there will be a luncheon at the Baker House with a speaker portraying the Life of Yankee spy Elizabeth Van Lew.

**Update on the historic Geneva Theater Building.**

The seats have all been removed in the 1928 Theater, the roof has been repaired, and the mechanical and electrical systems are undergoing additional repair. There are no changes.

**Update regarding installation of new Historic Signs at Lake Geneva Seminary/ Seminary Park site, the Whiting House/Hotel Geneva site and the Lake Geneva Library site.**

The signs have not been installed and are still in the City garage.

**Discussion re: potential restoration work, signage upgrades and /or repair of G.A.R. markers at Pioneer Cemetery.**

The commission as agreed to purchase 25 markers for G.A.R. gravestones in Pioneer Cemetery. They are \$18.00 each and will be purchased with funds for the budget for 2014.

**Continued discussion regarding nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National Historic Site, including input from historic consultant John Notz**

Carol Cartwright has been given copies of all of the historic cemetery maps of Oak Hill Cemetery. The original name of Lake Geneva Cemetery was changed to Oak Hill in the 1890s. Photos of the cemetery have been taken and they will be forwarded to her as well.

**Discussion with John Notz re: potential recognition of three extant buildings designed by William Le Baron Jenney on the former Maple Lawn property in the City of Lake Geneva.**

These homes are located just west of the stone pillars from the old Oak Lawn home that was demolished several years ago. These homes may have been constructed by William Le Baron Jenney who incorporated steel in his residential dwellings and was the architect for Oak Lawn. There will be a three-day symposium in France on the work of Jenney. A film on his work will be shown and a book has been published regarding his works. The film will be shown the second week in April at the *Alliance Francaise* in Chicago.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Fiske