

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016 6:30 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

President Ken Etten called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Geneva City Hall

Present: Ken Etten, Patrick Quinn, Mary Tanner, Jackie Getzen, Louise Rayppy, Jim Davis, and Elizabeth Chappell. David Desimone and Michael Rehberg were there representing Black Point.

Approval of minutes of Historic Preservation Commission Meeting of March 10, 2016.

Comments from the public: None

Reports from the Geneva Lake Area Museum and the Maple Park Homeowners.

Chair Exhibit—April 16, 2016 thru January 16, 2017

As of this date, the museum has received \$15,000.00 in donations for the North Gallery Air Conditioning Project.

Update on the sale and restoration of the historic 1928 Geneva Theater Building. Shad Branen from Burlington has closed on the sale of the theater. He is now starting on the restoration. The Friends of the Geneva Theater will meet with Branen on April 20th, to discuss how much funds they will donate. Met with Branen before and he is open to ideas.

Review of recent bills, invoices and the current balance in the LGHPC account. The only bill we had for this period was for the printing of "Old Times" for \$60.00.

Update regarding content to be included in the new I-phone app version of A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour currently being created by Dr. Alana Platt and the staff at UW-Whitewater Innovation Center. Besides our large walking tour, we have decided on two smaller ones. One will consist of the downtown area and the other will focus on architectural styles. Patrick Quinn will write a shorter introduction for the app. Dr. Platt was not present for this meeting.

Discussion re: A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour booklet, including any new information regarding future walking tours or programs from David Desimone and/or Michael Rehberg.

The Walking Tour will be from June 10th thru September 15th. Will have three additional tours in October on Saturdays. Had a Presentation in Racine, sold 17 books at \$1.00 each. Will have a tour about church steeples on May 21th; will also have a tour about scandalous stories on the first three Saturdays in October.

Report regarding the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission website at www.historyoflakegeneva.org. Checked website—everything is fine.

Update from Patrick Quinn regarding the nomination of Oak Hill Cemetery as a National and/or Local Historic Site, including any additional research information and input on Oak Hill Cemetery and H.W.S. Cleveland. Patrick Quinn will contact John Notz.

Discussion re: potential new projects and promotional ideas for the LGHPC, including updating sign on Dunn Lumber Building, future “Tales of Lake Geneva”, educational programs, and updates on our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org. No “Tales of Lake Geneva” until we are finished putting together the app.

Review of recent Plaque Program applications and information from the Wisconsin Historical Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Society of Architectural Historians, the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions and Traditional Building & Period Homes magazines. No new plaques have been issued.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Rayppy