

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

February 9, 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.

Members present: Dee Bark Fiske, Ken Etten, Ed Yaeger, Mary Tanner, and Patrick Quinn.

Members absent: Ellyn Kehoe & Jackie Getzen

Minutes are approved as presented: Motion by Ed Yaeger, seconded by Dee Fiske

Comments from the Public: Bethany and Andrew from the Baker House announced that two historic paintings of the Maxwells' will be on loan at the Baker House. They are planning on a walking tour throughout the city of Lake Geneva for this summer and may include the cemetery and the museum.

Report from Geneva Lake Museum and Maple Park Homeowners' Association: The museum will reopen for the weekends starting March 2, 2012. There will be a Grand Reopening on May 18, 2012 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.

Update on the proposed new Railroad Depot sign and continuing the proposed "Railroad Heritage Trail" through Lake Geneva: The sign location has been approved near Dunn Lumber on Broad Street. The sign will be installed as soon as the ground thaws. An additional sign is being planned near Simple restaurant so that outside diners will be able to read about the location of the railroad at that site.

Report on the status of the Geneva Theatre Building at 244 Broad Street

The website has been established at www.friendsofgenevatheater.org. Patrick Quinn has written a letter to Mayor Connors requesting TIF funds be used for the city purchase of the building. Sherry Carlson is the new treasurer.

Discussion regarding potential projects for 2012 such as preparation of a Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour brochure, future "Tales of Lake Geneva" educational presentations and 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

Maple Park Homeowners are trying to keep the cemetery open to the public and will be doing additional plantings in the Spring.

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.
Review of materials from the Wisconsin Historical Society and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dee Bark Fiske