

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
October 5, 2009

**Members Present:**

Mardene Hinton	John Adams	Elisabeth Dunbar	Dr. Jim Paul
Daron Kinzinger	Andrew Purcell	Terry Johnston	

**Members Absent:**

Ashley Lucas	Patricia Wagner
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**Others Present:**

Dick Mossman

**Quorum Present.**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Ms. Dunbar.

No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:**

None at this time.

**Historic Landmark Nomination:**

- No new nominations.
- Irwin St. James Rectory:
  - Dr. Paul commented that we will run into issues with any structure owned by the Diocese. He is working on a contact person that we can go to with the pros of landmark status on a property and/or structure. Ms. Dunbar commented that she thinks they would not be interested due to the fact they feel they lost control of the property and/or structure.
  - The Rectory needs approximately \$100,000 in repairs. Dallas Ferris is not sure about the Church's need for the building and Larry O'Connor would like to see the building saved. Ms. Dunbar looked into possible grants, however was unsuccessful in finding one. Mr. O'Connor may have a potential buyer and would move the building. If the buyer is successful they would look into the landmark status at that time.
  - The Commission needs to discuss with the Churches the benefits of Historic Preservation Landmark Status. Dr. Paul to draft a letter to the Diocese for the Commission to review before sending out.

**Communication/Marketing:**

- Wright in Kankakee:
  - Ms. Dunbar stated that the committee has monthly meetings and that they are preparing pamphlets for the benefit of the group. She also stated she is working on pamphlets for the County Historic Preservation Commission.

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- Courthouse Centennial Celebration Recap:
  - Overview of the event and expenses/income by Ms. Hinton and Mr. Purcell.
  - Thanked the Commission Members for the help and attendance at the weekend events.
  - Will be sending out thank you letters to the participants of the event.
- Article for *The Commissioner*
  - To be published in the fall issue. The article would need to be done by November 1, 2009 with the Courthouse Centennial as part of the submission. Ms. Dunbar is working on it.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Ms. Dunbar talked with Mr. Bossert about the Historic Preservation Ordinance, there is a lot put back on the Planning Department for enforcement. The staff of the Planning Department needs to be educated on what their roles will be. Ms. Dunbar will be meeting with Mr. Van Mill.
- Historic Marker plaques need to be figured into the budget for Historic Preservation. Looking into possible doing them in the shape of the county with the county seal on them.
- Ms. Dunbar talked to Mayor Epstein about getting the City of Kankakee Historic Preservation back in business and possibly working together with a joint meeting of the City and County. There was also interest in working with the Village of Bourbonnais as well.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be November 2, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Mossman from St. Anne's parish wanted to add that we need to keep trying to get the support of St. Anne's congregation by going through the right channels. He is willing to go to see the Bishop with Dr. Paul to help with the discussion.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Johnston and a second by Ms. Hinton.

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