

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Summary of Minutes
September 14, 2009

Members Present:

Mardene Hinton	John Adams	Elisabeth Dunbar
Daron Kinzinger	Patricia Wagner	Ashley Lucas

Members Absent:

Dr. Jim Paul	Andrew Purcell	Terry Johnston
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Others Present:

Quorum Present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Ms. Dunbar.

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

None at this time.

County Survey:

- No update at this time.

Historic Landmark Nomination:

- No new nominations.
- Maternity Blessed Virgin Mary Church:
 - Dr. Paul is working with the Diocese for permission to do a full nomination on the Church. The Rectory is a new building.
- Church Rectory in Irwin:
 - Ms. Wagner stated that there is talking of about possibly demolishing the Rectory building due to the cost for repairs to the building that are needed (foundation, water pipes, roof, etc.). They would like to see someone take the building and move it. The building is being used as a home, but due to the cost of the repairs they want to remove the building. The decision has not been made yet as to the status of the building. Ms. Wagner asked if a building is in danger of being demolished does the Commission have the right to stop it. Ms. Dunbar stated that there is some language in the ordinance that we can give it landmark status without the owner's permission because it's in eminent danger. Ms. Wagner will keep working with the Church to see if before they make a decision they will let the Commission look into possible grants, some type of assistance, or plan to save the structure.

Communication/Marketing:

- Ms. Dunbar reminded everyone of the National Historic Preservation Conference in 2010 in Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 29 – August 1, 2010.

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Wright in Kankakee:

- Small event planned in the future. Meeting September 30 at the Kankakee Museum.

Courthouse Centennial Celebration:

- The next meeting on the celebration committee is September 12, 2009.
- Saturday Night Gala
 - RSVP's not doing well. Have 30 responses, but will need at least 100 to move forward. Will be giving the celebration committee a call list to remind people of the event.
 - The cost of the dinner on Saturday is \$74 a plate
 - We have confirmed the symphony to play from 6 to 8 p.m., which would be through appetizers and dinner. King Music from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. through dessert and dancing.
 - Silent auction would be from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Still need items.
 - Need people to work the coat check, checking people at the door, and when guests leave making sure they get the gift for attending.
- Sunday Events:
 - The Commission will have two tents: Water and pop sales and Commemorative items. Will need tables and chair for the Commission's booths.
 - Water/Pop Sales Mr. Adams will run the tent. Would like 2 to 3 people at all times. The following volunteered to work this tent Mr. Adams, Ms. Lucas, and Mr. Kinzinger. Need to think about what the cost will be for the water and pop. Also need everyone to bring ice that day.
 - The tent to sell commemorative items will have the following: note cards, coasters, magnets, bookmarks, and Courthouse prints, once print are sold out, they can still be ordered. Will need volunteers to work this tent.
 - Need banner for Courthouse lawn and signs for both booths. Working with Adcraft for the signs.
 - Wright in Kankakee will have an informational booth.
 - Have approximately 30 vendors. There is no charge to vendors to participate. All vendors will be on Merchant Street, which will be closed between Indiana and Harrison.
 - There will be trolley rides through Historical Riverview and the cost is \$3.50. Will need help at this booth as well.

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- There will be cake in the shape of the Courthouse and will need volunteers to help with the cutting and serving of the cake. The cake will be served after the outside ceremonies.
- 164 North Restaurant want to be a vendor on Sunday, however they would like to serve wine and beer. If they would not be able to serve the wine and beer they would back out of Sunday. This was discussed by the Commission and all agreed that Sunday is a family event and there should be no alcohol. Ms. Dunbar will work on keeping them for Sunday.
- The schedule of events for Sunday is as follows:
 - Day starts at 11:30 a.m.
 - 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. entertainment
 - 2 p.m. entertainment interrupted for re-dedication ceremony with boy scouts presenting the flag, Pledge of Allegiance, Kankakee High School Band and speakers.
 - Courthouse tours all day.
 - Antique car show all day.
 - Event over at 4 p.m.
- Keep passing out flyers and marketing the events of the weekend. The newspapers and radio station have been notified.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Ms. Dunbar is working on an article for *The Commissioner*; once it is done she will send out to the Commission for review.
- There are articles from Face book on National Preservation that are interesting.
- The Greenways and Trails Plans has been updated, once they are printed will forward copies to the Commission.
- A motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the expenditures of the Courthouse Celebration. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kinzinger. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be October 5, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Kinzinger and a second by Ms. Wagner.

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Approved 3/1/10

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