

Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation
Minutes of the board of directors
Monday, September 12 , 2011 Standard Printing conference room

The meeting was called to order by President Prebys at 7:38pm
Present: Prebys, Mattimoe, LaRue, Harrington, Nickels, Schmiedeke, Randazzo, Alex & Claudia Pettit

Minutes of the July 18th meeting were passed with no corrections

Towner House update-John Harrington reported that the Presbyterian board and the Ypsilanti Historical Museum board have both approved the concept of selling/purchasing the Towner House. The rear yard must be 25' deep and the side set back should be 8'. \$17,000 is the asking price. Discussion ensued relating to restrictive covenants, reimbursement if the YHS sells, etc

Home Tour update-In Jan's absence Mattimoe reported that the total attendance at this year's tour was 321, or 169 pre-sale and 152 on the day of for a gross sales of \$3,514. Ads and sponsorship came in at \$2,7254 with only Kim's Resale shop failing to pay. Discussion ensued relative to the viability of Heritage Festival. The board agreed to pay \$251.40 to the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival to cover their fee based upon an updated formula.

State marker restoration-The Ypsi CVB has agreed to contribute \$500. Nickels reported that the state, unlike past years, no longer covers any of the costs of the re-installation of the markers. That will boost the total cost to at least \$3,500, perhaps \$4,000. The cost of new aluminum posts is the primary cause of the increase. The board (Schmeideke moved, LaRue seconded) voted to defray the cost of restoring the Michigan Avenue plaque highlighting the era of the interurban and earmarking at least \$1,000 toward the restoration of the Prospect Park plaque, pending sufficient contributions from the Historic Eastside Association. The commitment to the Eastside Association is good for two years from this date.

Video project-Nickels reported that Jan Anschuetz will be the next person interviewed, due to her role in adding the east side to the historic district.

Float-Michigan Ladder has expressed an interest in partnering with the YHF to create a float for next year's parade float. Nickels will discuss with Tom Harrison the details of how such a partnership will work.

Jane received most of the Marker Building update sheets. Those who didn't complete them know who they are.

Board openings-With the resignation of one of our board members the subject of how many board members we need as well as names of potential new board members. Several names were mentioned as possibilities.

Speakers are needed for the January and March 2012 general meetings. Nickels will provide the text for the October meeting to Pattie and the newsletter deadline is October 20th.

Next meeting: Monday, October 3rd.

Adjournment at 8:28pm