

## **Florence Township Heritage Preservation Commission**

### ***HPC Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, July 9, 2019***

Attendees: Bill Bruce, Cathy Kouchich, Bill Flies, Linda Buysee, Lorry Wendland and Janet Bruce

Guests: Jean Pontzer and Kristen Eide-Tollefson

The regular meeting of the HPC was called to order at 6 PM. A quorum was present. The June HPC minutes were read and approved. No building permits were presented.

Bill Flies suggested that an appreciation letter for exemplary work painting the Town Hall should be sent to Don Dopkins. Cathy volunteered to write this letter on behalf of the HPC.

Jean Pontzer of Frontenac was in attendance to update the HPC on the petition she has initiated regarding future work in Valhalla park. She will forward a copy of the petition to Bill Bruce, who will distribute it to HPC members.

### **The Frontenac 160th Anniversary Celebration Committee Business**

#### ***Event Update (Lorry)***

- Lorry has recruited Lee Million to make water available for the people and horses that are part of the Civil War encampment group.
- Lorry will be meeting with persons involved with the 'antique road show' event at Christ Church later this week.
- The Wabasha Historical Society has 'kids events' planned for the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- Don Schwartz and Ted Tollefson will be impersonating Garrard family members during the cemetery walk.
- The Indian Pow Wow in Mankato is on the same date as the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, so the Prairie Island Indian Community may not be able to be involved as much as originally planned.

#### ***Budget Update (Lorry)***

Current funds are \$14,320.

#### ***Volunteer Organization (Linda and Lorry)***

The following volunteers have been recruited:

- John Weich will coordinate the food vendors.
- Lee Million will support the Civil War encampment group.
- Cathy Kouchich will help with the craft events.
- Kristen Eide-Tollefson will help with the antique events.
- Jamie Lorenzen will coordinate the cemetery events.
- Jan Bruce will implement the quilt show.
- Dave Buysee will coordinate parking.

- Bill Flies will organize the tractor trolley.

#### *Marketing Update (Allen)*

Allen forwarded his update via an email to HPC members.

#### *frontenac160.com Web Site (Bill Flies)*

The web site is mature.

#### *General Discussion*

- The event needs handicap parking and toilets.
- Bill Flies will distribute a PDF copy of the commemorative booklet for edits.
- Signage was discussed.
- Flyers were discussed.
- The historic district signs on Goodhue County Road 2 need cleaning.
- Bill Flies suggested that we request the township to clean-up the roadside and park surrounding Wakondiotia Park.
- A 'To Do' list was created for next 3-months with dates and names of responsible persons.

#### New HPC Business

Bill Flies stated that Florence Township ordinances grant both the HPC and the Planning Commission the opportunity to review park plans.

Bill Flies encouraged the HPC to take action on revising the boundaries and ordinances that define the Frontenac Historic District. The new boundaries would add the Villa Maria property and some properties on North Lake Avenue Way that were not previously part of the historic district. He stated that John Rupp, the owner of the Villa Maria, would be receptive to this plan. Bill will distribute documents of the proposed boundaries and ordinances to HPC members. Kristen Eide-Tollefson suggested that home owners on North Lake Avenue Way be advised of this plan early in the planning process. Bill agreed to accomplish this

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Submitted to HPC members by Bill Bruce, 17 July 2019.