

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

6:00pm

Sanford Historic Trust Board Meeting

In Attendance: Leon, Zach, Peggy, Becky, Denny, Flossie, Amanda and Jim F (prior Treasurer)

- 6:03pm – Meeting called to order by Leon. Introductions of Board Members. Around the room, everyone tells the group about themselves. Leon reads the purpose of the Board from the by-laws.
- Leon moves to approve the minutes from last meeting. Unanimous approval.
- Report of Officers: Treasurer – Jim discusses the finances and the lamp post project being paid in full. There is \$7,800 in A/R, and he needs to transfer \$18,000 on lampposts to fully depreciate them. Sign toppers as well.
- Leon then speaks about his role as the President. He is a public face for the trust. Then gave the 4 rules for the meetings: Respect, Allow people to speak fully, Allow differing views, Avoid Digressions/long stories.
- Committee Reports: According to by-laws, there are 8 committees. Leon went over the committees and asked occasionally for people to head a committee.
- Discussion: Need new leaders for Tour of Homes! Denny thinks paying someone would be a good idea to get someone who will enhance the Tour. This idea will be tabled until February. Survey from Tour of Homes, Leon will send results. Peggy would like to work on it, but not head it. Kathy has a month-by-month outline. Tammy/Angela will be asked to come in February to Board Meeting to discuss what needs to be done.
- Community Picnic for Board Members...when to have it? Not agreed upon.
- Preservation and Awards Committee. Denny and Flossie. May is National Preservation month. Denny will send guidelines, Peggy Volunteers as well.
- Mike Smith's picture project. 10 years ago, photos of every house in the Historic District were taken. Mike Smith volunteered to do the same this year. On 1/19/17, he will turn in the USB drive to the Trust.
- Sign Toppers project done last year. \$4,000-5,000 over budget because the City increased the size of the signs.
- Lamppost project, 20 posts done in 2016. None in 2015. 15 are up, 5 more to go. Hope to do another 10 posts in 2017. About \$1,200 total per post.
- New Business: Annual Review. Discuss General Membership Meetings. Motion to approve the schedule. Zach thinks we should have a meeting in August since Fall is so booming in the town. Move to have a meeting August 17, 2017 by Leon. August meeting was added, not switched. Leon motions to approve the August 17th meeting, All in favor.
- Membership Dues – Individual/Business members for \$30 each. Businesses can only have one vote for their membership. Agree to keep rate the same. Motion to accept? All in favor.
- Calendars - \$4,000 cost. Discuss again another meeting. Peggy thinks we should sell or ask for donations to make money to cover some of the cost.
- Becky left the meeting at 7:00pm and Denny took over recording the minutes.

- Amanda went over the 2017 Budget and discussion ensued about the various components. The Board voted to adopt the budget with one modification: to increase the Tour Photography budget from \$500 To \$1,000. Amanda made the motion and Denny seconded.
- Leon went over the list of speakers planned by Christine Dalton, the City of Sanford Preservation Officer, and asked the Board for other suggestions for speakers to email or bring to the next meeting.
- Zachary left the meeting about 7:50
- There was further discussion on the Home Tour and other potential events including a garden tour and a porch fest.
- A potential idea was proffered to map the district in a five year plan either by street or quadrant, for the home tour, so people know the time line of when their street will be showcased. To be discussed further.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20.