

MINUTES

KENTWOOD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 7, 2019

Present: Jackie Moore, Dwell Moore, Debi Crawford-Poyner, Karleen Root, Dave Van Dyke

Absent: Ron Covington, Reagan Adolfo, with notification

Others present: Lisa Golder

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dave with support from Debi to approve the minutes for December, 2018.

--Motion Carried--

2. Kentwood history article for school newsletter

Dwell prepared the article regarding the blizzard of 1978 and Kentwood's first snowplow and this has been sent for January publication. We are now looking at February. Dwell said she found some information regarding William Hardy from the City's history book. She thought this would be a good article for Black History month. She reviewed the article, and questioned whether people would understand the role as "supervisor" which is much like a mayor. She was confused about references to his home in Gaines Township. Lisa said that she thought that Gaines and Paris Township were once one entity. It was suggested that we find out whether William Hardy was buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery.

Dwell also put together a short piece on the Historic Preservation Commission for a future article. It gives a little information on the purpose of the Commission and offers suggestions for how people can be a part of preserving the city's history. Lisa said we have a written mission statement and we can compare to what Dwell has written. We may need to shorten it up for the schools.

3. Home Acres Event

There was not a December meeting in Wyoming so there is no update.

4. Presentations for 2019

There was discussion about speakers for 2019. Lisa has contacted Sheri Manthei who does a one-person program on Mary Todd Lincoln. She willing to come and the total cost, including mileage would be \$135. She is willing to speak on a number of subjects, including civil war generals, what women wore during this time period, etc. We need to pick a date and make sure that KDL can advertise it in their quarterly information. A date of April 27th was tentatively selected, the Saturday after Easter. Lisa will check with Adam to make sure that this is adequate notice, with the Park and rec department to reserve the room, and with Ms. Manthei to make sure she is available. We can discuss the topics, refreshments, advertising, etc. after these issues are addressed.

Other ideas include notification of Kentwood history teachers to let students get extra credit for attending the event, using EK National Honor Society students that need volunteer hours to help with the set up and

take down for the room. If successful we could plan to book again for Presidents Day next year. The Friends of the Library may be able to contribute to the cost.

Jack Bueche from the Wyoming Commission is willing to do a presentation on surveying. Jackie will check with him to see about a tome in the summer when he is available.

5. There was additional discussion about the Open House last week and the February Open House. There were children that came to the Open House that liked the models of the cabin and barn as well as old pictures of how things used to be. There were others that were interested in research on their house/property. February 9th is the next potential date for the Open House (second Saturday 2-4PM) Lisa said she would see if Reagan is available. Jackie said she could possibly volunteer as well. Lisa said she would send everyone the list of things in the room so that commissioners at the open house would know what is available. We could also plan to have one type of information out on the tables—such as the plat maps and focus on those at the open house. We do need to be careful with the materials as some are delicate.

There was a motion with support to adjourn the meeting.

6. Next meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is Monday February 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM.