

**Ford Homes Historic District
District Officer Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2009**

Present:

Gary Henderson, President
Nolan Clark, Vice-President
Mark Stewart, Treasurer
Leon Bergeron
Cynthia Menna, Chairperson – 2009 Home Tour

Not Present:

Todd Gonzalez
Christy Gonzalez, Secretary
Shirley Damps

Meeting began at 7:03 PM

I. Announcements:

No Announcements made

II. Discussion / Action Items:

Update: 2009 Home Tour: Cynthia Menna reported that:

- The tour to occur on Sunday, December 6th from 1PM – 5PM
- There are currently 10 homes scheduled for the home tour. Cynthia has indicated that a few extra homes could be added
- Tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Advance tickets will be sold at Dee's Hallmark, Village Antiques and Campbell's Paint and Wallpaper. Advance tickets can also be obtained by calling Susan Clark. Ticket info to be forwarded to Rick Nevau to post to the district web site
- Tour to start at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (Mason and Monroe). Because of the distance from the neighborhood, the committee will look at using a shuttle service. A shuttle from Entertainment Express would cost \$570. Other alternatives will also be investigated including Village Ford (possible use of their customer shuttle) and the City of Dearborn (senior housing shuttle, donated by Kiwanis Club). Also, the issue of additional insurance for the district will be investigated by the home tour committee if a shuttle service is used.
- Ads will be sold within the tour booklet to offset the costs associated with running the event.
- The Kiwanis Club of Dearborn has donated \$300 to the district for this event. An ad will be placed within the tour booklet for the Kiwanis Club
- Committee informing other historical neighborhoods as well a Ford historical groups and local museums in order to sell group tickets.
- Custom district ornaments highlighting the 90th Anniversary of the district will be made and will be sold during the event.
- The Detroit News Homestyle magazine has indicated that they can include information on the tour on the inside cover "Welcome Mat". They may also be able to include an entire article on the district.

- Gary Henderson and Danielle Bergeron to be featured on local cable TV's "Kiwanis Talk" to talk about the home tour.
- First participating home owner meeting scheduled for Monday, October 12th.

Treasurer's Report submitted. Bank account balance has a balance of \$3,541.77. Cash box currently has another \$65.49. Outstanding bill for \$1,251.95 for recently purchased merchandise not included in these balances. Bill to be paid early next week (prior to the next district meeting).

Next District Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at the First Baptist Church and will start at 7:30PM.

- Gary Henderson to create the agenda for the meeting – agenda to include Neighborhood Update (Officer and Committee Updates), Home Tour Update, and information on the HFCC Millage.
- The City of Dearborn will hold a meeting at 8:30PM with the Mayor and City Engineer to discuss the replacement of Beech, Donaldson and Cass streets in spring 2010.

The Halloween Walk is scheduled for Friday, October 30th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM and will once again be held at Nolan and Susan Clark's home at 22742 Beech.

- Announcement will be made at the district meeting to ask for donations of baked goods for the event.
- Mark to contact Pat Johnson for the district coffee makers as coffee/cider/hot cocoa is usually served.
- Gift certificates will be awarded to the top 2 pumpkin carvings as well as top 2 overall displays (\$25 and \$15). Mark Stewart to purchase these gift certificates.

The Christmas Walk is scheduled for Saturday December 12. Ben and Sarah Temkow will host the event this year.

- Hot Chocolate and Candy Canes will be offered to kids of all ages
- Mark to contact Bill Meggison to see if he can once again be the master of ceremonies for the event.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 27th, 2010. The Stewart family will once again organize this event.

The next district officer meeting is to be held on Thursday, April 15th at 7PM.

The spring district meeting is to be held on Wednesday, April 21st at 7:30PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.