

**Ford Homes Historic District  
Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 10, 2007**

**Present:**

Leon Bergeron, President  
Mark Stewart, Treasurer  
Phil Menna, Member at Large

**Not Present:**

Nolan Clark, Vice-President  
Jen Kraft, Secretary  
Carter Brown, Member at Large  
Sue Bartolameolli, Member at Large

Meeting began at 6:37 PM

**I. Announcements:**

No Announcements made

**II. Discussion / Action Items:**

Treasurer's Report submitted. Bank account balance has a balance of \$3,482.73 after reserving \$500 for the signs and \$85 for printing of the last newsletter. Cash box currently has another \$70.99.

Future printing of the district newsletters was addressed. 500 copies of the newsletter are published 5 times each year (Early Spring, Spring Meeting, Summer, Fall Meeting, Winter). Three possible solutions were brought up:

1. See if a neighbor/small business owner would be willing to print off copies and be reimbursed at their cost.
2. Continue to pay approximately \$85 per printing.
3. Purchase a LaserJet printer and paper. Currently OfficeMax has a Brother printer listed for \$120 with a total of \$70 in rebates for net cost of \$50 + tax. Toner cartridge that comes with the printer has capability to produce 1500 copies. Additional toner cartridges are \$62. Two printers could be purchased now and used for future newsletters.

This issue is to be addressed at the upcoming district meeting.

Mark reported that the 25 signs have been purchased from Waske Signs and are to be ready later this week. The signs just have the district logo at the top with a blank area at the bottom for event customization via vinyl letters. Letters have been purchased for the Neighborhood Meeting, Halloween Walk and Santa Visit. Signs to be put up by Monday for the Neighborhood Meeting at the following locations: Gregory/Cass, Gregory/Monroe, Nowlin/Park, Nona/Military and First Baptist Church.

Neighborhood Meeting set for Thursday, October 18 at 7:30 PM at the First Baptist Church.

- Leon confirmed that Mayor O'Reilly will be a guest speaker at the Neighborhood meeting
- Tim Jones with the Dearborn Racquet Club will also speak about the club's recent renovations and will provide details on discounted rates for the neighborhood.

The Halloween Walk is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Nolan and Susan Clark's home at 22742 Beech.

- Announcement will be made to ask for donations of baked goods for the event.
- Leon Bergeron may donate the candy – Leon to advise.
- Mark to contact Pat Johnson for the district coffee makers as coffee/cider/hot cocoa is usually served.
- Request for judging the event will be made at the district meeting.
- Gift certificates will be gathered for the winners of the contest.

The Christmas Walk is scheduled for Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Mark and Mia Stewart's home at 22812 Nona.

- Food items will be offered and FHHD merchandise will be available for purchase.
- Leon will contact a friend to see if he would be the master of ceremonies for the event. If not, an announcement will be made at the Neighborhood meeting.

Leon will contact Lori Wyatt regarding the missing plaques at the base of the district lampposts.

The insurance policy for the park and district is up for renewal in December. The board will ask Liz Malone to review the policy currently in place for recommendations on any potential changes to the policy.

### **III. Upcoming Projects:**

- Repair of the Military Median Sign
- Possible replacement/repair of the District Rental Tents
- Home Tour 2008 – Announcement to be made at the upcoming neighborhood meeting. Mark to approach Amy Crandall to see if she is interested in being the chairperson for this tour.
- Donation toward the Model T Automotive Heritage Complex. Donation could either be to become a member (minimum donation of \$100, name would appear on a Roster of Doners within the Piquette Plant) to donation toward the restoration of a window at the Piquette Avenue Model T plant (Donations ranges are \$100, \$400 for ¼ window, \$800 for half window, and up)

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.