

**Ford Homes Historic District  
Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 7, 2008**

**Present:**

Leon Bergeron, President  
Nolan Clark, Vice-President  
Mark Stewart, Treasurer  
Todd Gonzalez, Member at Large  
Gary Henderson, Member at Large

**Not Present:**

Jen Kraft, Secretary  
Sue Bartolameolli, Member at Large

Meeting began at 7:37 PM

**I. Announcements:**

No Announcements made

**II. Discussion / Action Items:**

Treasurer's Report submitted. Bank account balance has a balance of \$3,486.64. Cash box currently has another \$70.99.

A meeting was held in late September and it was decided that the Holiday Home Tour will be postponed until next year to align with the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the district.

At least one, if not two more newsletters are to be printed this year, including one before the district meeting reminding the residents. The next newsletter is to also mention the plaques for sale, the Halloween Walk, and the fact that the Home Tour has been postponed until 2009. Nolan Clark will forward suggested content to Jen Kraft so that she can draft the newsletter. Todd Gonzalez indicated that he would take an ad out in the newsletter for Motor City Sprinklers.

Discussed need for block captains, as we are in need of block captains for Edison and Military. Todd Gonzalez has indicated that he can distribute the next newsletter to these streets if a block captain can not be found.

Neighborhood Meeting set for Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:30 PM at the First Baptist Church.

- Brian J. Whiston, Superintendent, Dearborn Public Schools will be a guest speaker at the Neighborhood meeting. Mark to send Mr. Whiston a note to confirm his attendance.
- Mark W. 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 Thursday, 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.
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Mark and Mia Stewart will host the event if no other family is interested.

- Food items will be offered and FHHD merchandise will be available for purchase. Mark to confirm with Pat Johnson.

- Mark to contact Bill Megason to see if he can once again be the master of ceremonies for the event.

Todd Gonzalez has found a source for the dedication plaques at the base of the district lampposts. Mark S. to contact Ed Rouse to get details on the plaque that needs to be replaced.

The idea of re-creating a district cookbook will be mentioned at the district meeting. A district cookbook was last published in 1997. The cost at the time was approximately \$1400 for 400 or 500 books, and the books sold for \$8.50. This may tie in nicely with the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the district.

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

- Possible replacement/repair of the District Rental Tents. Todd Gonzalez to contact Larry's Canvas to see how much repairs to the tent would cost. Nolan Clark to check on the cost for a new 15x15 and 20x20 tent.
- Home Tour 2009 – Announcement to be made at the Spring meeting. Will need to get into full gear in late summer to pull event off.
- 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 8:12 PM.