

## **Ford Homes Historic District Board Meeting**

### Meeting Minutes

*Date of Meeting* Thursday, October 7, 2004  
*Present:* Mike Assenmacher, Teresa Klimkiewicz, Amy Jelso, Dan Alford,  
Jenny Neill  
*Absent:* Carter Brown, Leon Bergeron,  
*Next Meeting:* Thursday, November 11, 2004, 7:30p

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Meeting began at 7:35p

#### **I. Announcements**

Mike and representative for the Holiday Home Tour to appear on Kiwanis Talk again (local cable television show) to discuss the District and Home Tour. Date of filming / airing TBA as arranged by Leon. **Mike to speak with Sylvia Tillman about who will appear on the show with him.**

#### **II. Discussion / Action Items (as highlighted)**

Dan Alford provided a summary of the treasury status – currently \$500 in checking and \$2,300 in savings. Invoices for the pint glasses and t-shirts still to come per Mike. Also the District will still owe the balance of Cat's Meow merchandise – deposit has already been sent. A proof should be received in two to three weeks.

Mike advised that the new Building Committee procedures will be distributed with the next newsletter and will be posted to the FHHD website. Teresa suggested that the procedures page be linked to the City of Dearborn website as forms and permit applications are now available from the City online. Jenny requested that Sylvia Tillman appoint a "substitute" chairperson for the Building Committee during times when she's out of town so that homeowners don't have to wait for plans/permits to be approved.

Mike advised that the pint glasses and t-shirts have been ordered and received. New photos have been posted to the FHHD website.

No news on sign rentals.

Dan advised that he has not received any money from Scott Smith from FHHD tent rentals since May 2004. **Mike to phone Scott about collecting rental money, and to see if Scott wants to pass the tent rental responsibility to someone else.**

Teresa advised that there is no news from the Welcoming Committee. **Teresa to provide a small supply of copies of the new Building Committee guidelines to Rick & Kathy Neveu for inclusion in the welcome packets.**

Teresa provided a status of the 2004 Holiday Home Tour. Currently there are 12 homes confirmed. One is tentative. A general meeting of the homeowners participating on the tour is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>, and a home tour committee team meeting is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mike will speak with Sylvia about appearing on Kiwanis Talk with him - - or if not Sylvia, then possibly Kathy Jennings. Mike and Teresa discussed the possibility of selling home tour tickets on the FHHD

website and utilizing Pay Pal for payment. The officers approved use of the website and FHHD bank account to set up this new feature. Mike, Teresa and Dan to work out details of implementing this new feature by end of October (in time for ticket sales starting November 1<sup>st</sup>). Mike suggested that, if this "buy online" feature works out successfully, the FHHD can open it up to merchandise sales as well.

Mike announced that the Halloween Walk will be held on October 30, 2004 from 6:30p – 8:30p at the Schreiber family home at 22466 Edison. Mike to phone the Schreiber's to remind them of the date / time, and work out logistics of set up. Mike will also reserve a District tent, and will contact Ron & Becky Mallord about running the Pumpkin Carving Contest. The officers discussed prizes for the contest. Amy suggested that the prizes be "family friendly", and all agreed to the FHHD buying gift certificates from Buddy's, Blockbusters, and Breadsmith (or Baskin Robbins). Dan Alford to obtain the gift certificates.

The Stewart family on Nona Street will host the Santa Walk in December. All agreed that the FHHD should set up a District tent and provide beverages and treats as we have in the past. Ruth will set up a small merchandise display as well. Mike will contact "Santa" to schedule this visit.

It was agreed that more volunteers are needed for the Halloween Walk and the Santa Walk. An agenda item will be added to the District meeting's agenda, requesting help from neighborhood residents.

Mike asked for suggestions to budget projects for next year. It was agreed that the benches in the Park Street Park need to be replaced, and that the District signposts on the Military Street median need minor finish carpentry work. Mike will ask for a volunteer at the District Meeting to repair the sign. Teresa advised that Kurt Klimkiewicz will finish painting the posts once repairs have been made. Amy reiterated her suggestion that the District purchase a sign for the Park Street Park, indicating that the Park is owned by the community and is not an extension of neighboring properties. Teresa suggested that the District buy a lifetime membership to the Henry Ford Heritage Association (approx. \$500), founded and run by former FHHD resident Mike Skinner. There was also a suggestion made that the District sponsor a window at the Piquette Avenue Plant that's currently under restoration. Mike will add these as project items to be voted on (by show of hands) at the District meeting, and will ask for other project suggestions.

In an effort to enlist and encourage volunteers, Amy suggested renting a hot dog cart and "partnering" a Park Street Park clean up day with free hot dogs for residents. It was agreed that this action item will be deferred to the Spring officers meeting in April 2005.

All agreed that both new and old FHHD merchandise will be used for door prizes for the canned food drive at the Fall District Meeting on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Teresa suggested that a pet food drive be hosted as well, donating the food to the Dearborn Animal Shelter. Amy suggested alternately running the canned food drive and pet food drive.

Mike advised that it was too late to obtain a speaker for the Fall District Meeting. It was previously thought that Dave Norwood would be asked to speak, but all agreed more advance notice (than 2 weeks) is needed. All agreed to table engaging a speaker for upcoming 2005 Fall meeting to the 2005 Spring meeting.

Dan suggested hosting an "open forum" to homeowners to talk about their experiences in adding onto or renovating their homes. Amy further suggested that residents be asked what they would like to hear about, then address it in the meetings.

Mike will add as an agenda item to the Fall District Meeting a request for volunteers for the Holiday Home Tour – people to display antique automobiles, sell tickets, merchandise, cookies, etc., docents. The agenda will be distributed to FHHD officers within the next week for review / comment.

Dan and Mike discussed obtaining new "District" member plaques that an FHHD resident may be able to cast out of aluminum and/or bronze. Mike has discussed this possibility with the resident, and will continue to pursue it, as several homeowners would like a plaque or would like a replacement.

The next FHHD Officers Meeting is Thursday, November 11, 2004 at 7:30p, and will be held at Mike's house.

No other new business. Meeting adjourned at 8:50p.

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Minutes submitted October 8, 2004

Prepared by Teresa Klimkiewicz, FHHD Secretary (2003-2005)