

Friends of City Hall Regular Meeting 11/10/2011

A regular meeting of the Friends of City Hall was held on Thursday November 10, 2011 in the St. Mark's Activity Room, and was called to order at 6:30pm by President Judy White.

- Minuets from the October 27 regular meeting were distributed and approved.
- Congratulations were offered to members Charlie Browne and Ray Skotarczyk for their success in the election this past week.
- Pictures found in basement of City Hall from 1983 were distributed for our viewing.
- A Marine City Hall Chronology was shared with the group. Dave Simpson will scan the document, and email a digital copy to members.
- A Rough draft of Friends of City Hall brochure was distributed to the group. Comments, critiques, and praise were accepted.

Mason's Jar Report: Report was given by Denise Skotarczyk. Approximately \$36.00 was raised since the last meeting, but not all jars were collected. Donations appear to be slowing down. We are still playing with jar locations to find our most successful spots. Our current account balance is \$3,552.22.

501(c)3 Report: We received confirmation that the federal government received our application. Judy contacted them to set up our online 990N reports. It is estimated that it will take eight weeks for us to be in the system for online filing. Amy will follow up on our behalf.

300 Broadway Report: Given by Ray Skotarczyk. The Marine City Commission approved the sub contract with National Restoration last week for exterior brick restoration. There was a great breakdown in communication and seeing eye-to-eye between architect and National Restoration that will likely result in loss of National as our contractor. Starting with a new contractor will likely delay work into next year due to weather conditions. Monahan is following up to see if any fences can be mended between the two companies.

Home Tour Report: The Home Tour will be on December 10, 2011 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 200 tickets have been printed, and the fact that City Hall is a participating location seems to be of great interest for patrons. Our committee for the events consists of: Kim- decorations, Louise- refreshments, and Judy. A window cleaning volunteer group is needed at City Hall on Monday 11/21/2011 at 11:00 am to help clean in advance of the event. The committee needs to borrow heaters and electric candles on the day of the tour. The Algonac Dulcimer Band cannot participate as originally hoped for. Karen Ostby will be playing harp instead. After a walkthrough of the building, it was decided that the future lobby location will be used as the main tour entrance. Work lights will be used to light the exterior of the building for the event. Refreshments will be served. An antique wooden sleigh and reindeer will be fixed up to use as decoration. Any members who have electric candles or spare Christmas lights to lend for the event

should drop off the items to Kim Turner 361 N. Main ST. Emphasis will be on antique decorations. Antique stores in town will be contacted to see if they have an interest in setting up vignettes the morning of the 10th. Refreshments will consist of cookies and hot beverages. Members signed up to bake cookies. The Marine City Music Festival will donate paper products to use. Mason's Jars and Friends of City Hall applications will be available for guests at the event.

Habitat for Humanity: Jonathan Phelan presented on Habitat For Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative in Marine City. Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to survey interested residents for the program. The survey dates will be the first two weekends in December. Teams of 2 will survey targeted areas. An informational post card, flyer, or newspaper article will be sent out ahead of time to the targeted areas. A brief training session will be held the morning of the surveys for volunteers. Jonathan distributed literature on the program to interested members.

Historical Commission Report: Walt has officially resigned from the Historical Commission. Several members of "Friends" submitted applications to fill existing open seats to help to continue to move things forward.

Announcements: Our next meeting will be Thursday January 26, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the St. Marks Activity Room. This will be our new regular meeting location provided it is approved and coordinated with the s staff at St.Marks.

Posters for the DSO at the PAC concert were distributed to interested members. Over 1/3 of tickets are already sold.

An "Adopt A Brick" and a clock fund raiser were suggested. Members were encouraged to brainstorm on the topics for future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

David L. Simpson, *Secretary*