

Friends of City Hall Regular Meeting 2/23/2012

A regular meeting of the Friends of City Hall was held on Thursday February 23, 2012 in the St. Mark's Activity Room, and was called to order at 6:30pm by President Judy White.

Minutes for the January regular meeting were approved.

300 Broadway Committee Report: Bids for the exterior envelope restoration were due today. Kevin will review them and get back with the committee with recommendations. Many bids were received, which is a sign of a good process. Hopefully bids will be presented to City Commission at the next meeting. Hopefully work will be able to begin in April when the weather improves.

Ordinance Report: The City Commission has some questions and concerns in regards to the ordinances as submitted. The City Commission will create a list of such concerns at their next meeting and send the document back for the Historical Commission to reconcile at a special meeting. Most items of concerns were thought to be small issues over all. Discussions were had amongst the group about how to prepare to answer additional questions and concerns from the City Commission.

Jars Report: Discussion was had as to a few jars remaining in circulation, and when we want to officially begin to recirculate them. It was thought that this should coincide with the start of the exterior restoration work.

M1 Video Proposal: A proposal for video production services by M1 Studios was reviewed and discussed at length. An estimated total cost of \$6,000 was presented. It is thought that we might be able to cover these costs with a grant Becky is working on. 2 samples of their video work were viewed by all in attendance. One was a documentary video, and the other was a time-lapse video. A motion approving a total deposit of \$500 to secure video production services was passed.

Grant for Heritage Days: A copy of the grant Judy submitted was circulate for members to review. The grant is requesting \$8,000 total to fund Heritage Days 2012. A motion approving \$79.65 in reimbursement funds to Judy White was approved for her costs incurred in writing, printing, and mailing the grant on behalf of the group.

Form a Committee for Heritage Days: A committee is needed to help delegate the organization of Heritage Days 2012. A committee of volunteer members was formed. These members were asked to stay after the meeting to help organize their future meeting date and time.

Meeting with Jimmy DeHeno RE: Talent Showcase: Judy met with Jimmy DeHeno in regards to organizing the Talent Showcase proposed at the January meeting. Rough details as to the direction of the event were agreed upon. They decided not much more can be done in organizing such an event until we know the timeframe of completion of the envelope restoration work on City Hall. Jimmy has volunteered to organize much of the entertainment for the showcase.

Invitation to set up a booth at the Sunday July 22 Antique Show: The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first Antique Show. We would be the only group invited to set up a booth at the event. It is a great opportunity to be in touch with our target audience. Volunteers from “Friends” would be needed to staff the booth.

Questers / Trip to Howell Court House: Upon touring the courthouse in Howell, MI, Becky and Judy discovered the Questers group. Membership is \$23/ year/ person, and is very much in line with our mission as Friends of City Hall. More research will be done as to what it would take to become members of the group, or to form a local chapter of the group. 8 Members of “Friends” would be needed to form a new chapter. Our benefit would be through the possible availability of grants / other funding for City Hall.

A Power Point presentation of photos from the visit to the Howell Court House was enjoyed by the members in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
David L. Simpson, *Secretary*