

Historic House Meeting Minutes January 31, 2024

Members Present: Trustee Mike Light - Chairman
Jeanette Wilson
William Wilson
Sue Light
John David
John Staffa
Jessica Maricich – Staff
Keith Knautz - Staff

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.
As this was first meeting of the new Historic House Committee all members introduced themselves.

Budget – A discussion took place of the current budget for the Historic House that included fire and security protection, operating supplies, membership dues, repairs and maintenance and community events in an amount of \$4,130.00.

A discussion of other items needed for the upcoming budget included fixing the player piano, more records (additional records were located during the later tour of the building), signage and banners for events, more ropes to block off areas of the house and money to print the house brochures (need to be timeless and have an insert for elected officials that can be changed when needed).

Events – Summer Open Houses were discussed with preliminary dates and times as June 22, July 27, August 24, and September 28 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Victorian Christmas - Trustee Light mentioned making this bigger and changing up the event. The Committee discussed and agreed to changing the date from December 9 to Saturday, December 7th from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Additional changes to the event that were discussed included adding a Christkindl Market to the event, creating sponsorship opportunities for nearby businesses, asking local businesses to allow parking at their businesses, adding a horse and carriage ride, adding hot and family photo opportunity, bringing in choirs to entertain, creating a keepsake (mug) for the event, and other ideas. Will discuss more at upcoming meetings.

Harvest Fest – A brief discussion took place on becoming involved in Harvest Fest by having the hay ride drop guests at the Historic House for tours or maybe put the pumpkin patch there. Again further discussion will take place in the upcoming months.

Upcoming Items – A list of items to be undertaken was discussed including:

- 2020 Wall needs new letters and numbers, an explanation for the shovel, adding the renaming of the Senior Center to the Linda Jackson Center for Senior Citizens
- Building and property repairs need to be undertaken including back porch door lock needs looking at, replacing the TV in museum and having past state of the Villages played, cleaning the upstairs toilet, updating the QR codes,

Historic House Tour

Next Meeting – A discussion to set the next meeting took place and the date was decided to be Monday, February 26th at 6:30 pm at the Historic House.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.