

Hyde Park Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2011

President Carolyn Jones opened the meeting at 6pm.

Present: Carolyn Jones, Robert Jones, Andre' Bourdeau, Carl Fortune, David Griswold, Tom Haney, Beth Bailey and Harold Bailey.

The minutes of the May 12, 2011, were discussed, two spelling errors were corrected and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

One of the items on tonight's meeting agenda was to view the interior of the Stewart House. This activity had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Linda Radtke will be doing a show here on August 19, 2011. We all have the responsibility to be here and help with this show.

Carl Fortune is the "Ice Cream Man" and is in the process of arranging for free ice cream from Ben and Jerry's. Carl will arrange for the cups and spoons. Robert and Carolyn said that they have some cones available and will bring them.

Harold will talk to Roland about some way to advertise this at minimum expense. He will also talk to the Transcript about the possibility of publicity at no charge.

It was decided that all of us should be at the Grange Hall at 5:30 on the night of the show in order to give tours of the hall and serve the ice cream during the open house.

We are proceeding with the installation of a fire escape on the north side of the building. Carl priced the material from the local lumber yards, with which to build a wood fire escape and found that Parker and Stearns had the best prices. It seems that the state will be requiring public buildings to have metal escapes in the future. Carl had a call from a Mike Patch, who apparently has an old steel escape. Carl and David will investigate. Robert will check with Bill Buritt about sand blasting and painting it. It will also need to be fitted to its location.

A group of members will join Carl to inspect the metal fire escape at Mike Patch's house.

Carl has checked with Jim Mahoney and Jim will have an easement drawn for the Stewart property, on which the fire escape may infringe. Maggie Stewart has verbally agreed to this easement.

"Old Timers Night" is set for September 11, 2011. We want to arrange to sell steamed hot dogs, chips, soda, coffee and other snack items. September 11th is a Sunday and the show would be in the afternoon, not the evening, as in the past. The audience and the performers are getting older and it is getting harder and harder to stay up late nights.

Harold will check with the Library Trustees to see if they would like to have a historical display there. We think that this would be a good location to have historical items. We could keep it revolving and make it interesting and available to many.

Beth Bailey moved to adjourn and Andre' Bourdeau seconded it. The vote was unanimous. We adjourned at 6:52 pm.