

HAF Board Meeting

November 17, 2009

Called to order at 5:30

In attendance: Ross Culligan, Elliott Levy, Jane Crayton Davis, Mike Hosang, Deedee Vaughters, Sharon Brown, Bill McGhee, Robert Stack, Roy McLain, Lynne Harris, Coleen Reed (serving as Scribe) = quorum

1. Motion to accept minutes of Sept. Board Meeting by Coleen, second by Elliott.
Unanimous approval.
2. Mike submitted the Treasurer's Reports from Sept. 15 & Nov. 15 (copies attached)
Motion by Deedee to accept, second by Bill. Unanimous approval.
3. Old Business
 - a. Website - Ross suggested that all members should check out the site & comment to him via email. Deedee suggested a way to donate on line should be added. Mike noted that Pay Pal info is on file. Bill asked for the # of hits. Vicki Barnard should be asked for this info. Deedee noted the need for links to tax credit info, City & County. Coleen suggested a partnership with another group, such as Museum Gift Shop - this will require research & discussion as to which organization would be best. All agreed that the current maintenance fee is OK. Deedee suggested purchasing a domain name for \$9.99 to get more & earlier exposure on Google search. Robert suggested that everyone check out Lake Forest Preservation site for comparison/ideas.
 - b. Field Trip - Only Ross, Coleen, Sharon, Jim Farmer (from HAF) attended. Mike noted members appreciated phone call reminder, but had good excuses for not going. There were no RSVP's. Sharon suggested that in the future use Please Reply by Date. A themed bus trip was suggested for the future. Jane noted that previous experience with same had limited (12-15) participation. Partnering with another group was suggested to reach a broader base & have more participation. Formation of committee for future field trips was suggested & will be pursued after new members are seated
 - c. Morgan Circle Dedication - good attendance, great press coverage, great reception at home of Nancy Wilds. Project complete.
4. New Business
 - a. Coker Springs - Elliott reported that the City has cleaned off the brick, cut back vegetation and eliminated mud hole. Tom Rapp has suggested replacing the pipe. Elliott is very encouraged by City involvement. Noted that water near spring is clear & should be tested to see if it is potable. Tom Rapp is planning on a crew to come out approx. every ten days for maintenance. Jane praised the efforts of Elliott, et. al.
 - b. Office expenses - Deedee stated that the bill is too high & person(s) that originally set up AT&T account should call and negotiate for lower rate. All agreed.
 - c. H.R. 3670 - tax advantages for private home owners. Deedee provided excellent info - must have historic architect, must have prior approval for changes, plans must be approved, must spend 50% of county appraised value, must work with SCDAH. She added that it is worthwhile - tax credits are well worth the time invested.
 - d. Roy reported that BookStall is best outlet for sales. Books now available at Nandina.
 - e. Nominations - Mike presented a list of candidates for 2010. Deedee motioned to accept this class as proposed because it is diverse & will compliment current board. Second by Jane. Unanimous approval. Bill Brockington, Kathleen McClure, Chuck Leopold, Owen Clary, Ed Mann.
 - f. Deedee suggested a year end call for \$ in newsletter (going out soon) for donations to a 501(c)3 & will talk to her accountant for ideas.
Robert suggested sending newsletter to businesses/corporations. Establishing a corporate donor program should be on the next board meeting agenda.

g. Robert & Bill presented nominees for awards. All applauded a job well done.

Historic Aiken Preservation Award - Stables on the Woods 1. Jane 2. Deedee Unanimous

Historic Aiken Stewardship Award - SRNL/Old Post Office 1. Coleen 2. Deedee Unanimous

Historic Aiken Adaptive Reuse Award - 2 Awards - 417 Hayne (Devine) & The Stable on Two Notch 1. Roy 2. Coleen Unanimous

Historic Aiken President's Award - Ray Cottage - 1. Lynne 2. Jane Unanimous

Historic Aiken Claudia Phelps Award - Rose Hill 1. Coleen 2. Sharon Unanimous

Wilds Lipe Treasured Home Award 1. Robert 2. Mike Unanimous for 5 properties

1316 Park Ave. SE, 320 Newberry SW, 755 Two Notch, 807 Two Notch & 344 Newberry
No awards for Leadership or Landmark Property.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by Mike, second by Coleen. Unanimous.

Next Meeting - Jan.17, 2010 - Municipal Conference Center - 2:30