

Historic Preservation Committee
March 12, 2009

Meeting called to order by Thomson at 5:30 p.m. Present: Helen Thomson, Kathy Grace, Arline Hoenecke, Mike Wicinsky, Sherry Livingstone (present at 6:00 pm.); also present: Steve Volkert and Pastor Covach.

Historic sites: Pastor John Covach from St. Paul's asked questions regarding the historic preservation ordinance and limitations that might occur if church is named as local historic site. Grace explained the major impetus to having a local register is to qualify for CLG (Certified Local Government) status from the state and thus be eligible for grant money. She explained that the commission has little power in regards to building changes wanted by historic site, the Historic Preservation Commission has the authority to see all building permits issued to sites named to the Local Register but can only act as advisors and suggest alternatives. The Commission also has the authority to see all razing permits for such sites so they can try to act to save a historic building. Pastor Covach will re-address his board regarding becoming a site.

The 1st Presbyterian Church has submitted an application to be named to the Local Register of Historic Sites. The application was reviewed. According to ordinance a public hearing must be held before status can be granted. Will wait to set public hearing in the hope that both 1st Presbyterian and St. Paul's can be addressed in the same hearing.

Discussion ensued regarding plaques to be issued. Wording and design will have to be decided upon, major issue was the fact that there is no money currently allocated in the Village budget for this.

Working with the school district: Jim Jaeger is incorporating some local history into his curriculum but because of the school re-organization caused by the retirement of Mr. Tentcher this has been put on hold.

Next meeting will be April 23, 2009 at 5:30 pm. – Date changed because normal meeting date is during Holy Week and if either of the churches would like to attend this may cause a problem for them.

Motion by Kathy, second by Arline to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.