**Association for the Preservation of Geneseo**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**January 6, 2015**

**Call to Order**

6:32 pm at Livingston County Government Center

**Present**

Kurt Cylke, Julie Meyers, Jim Whitehead, Anne Lutkus, Susanna Garrett, Chris Ivers, Holly Mullin, Dave Matthews

**Absent**

Margaret Vangalio, Gretchen Crane

**Review of Minutes**

No November minutes have been delivered yet. Julie was absent and will get notes from Holly. December minutes are also delayed.

**Open Discussion**

***Membership Picnic is scheduled on May 18th, 2016.*** Chris has contacted the Temple Hill B&B to see if they will host again this year.

***The Beer & Wine Festival will be on June 10th, 2016.*** Chris has approached Rebecca and Alain Mahmoud on Center Street to see if they are interested in hosting. No location has been nailed down yet. The Crane’s will host if no one else is available. Meyers and Ivers are also possibilities.

***Chicken Wing Festival*** will again be on SUNY Geneseo Parent’s Weekend. We would like to do it in the park again vs. Center Street.

***Programs*** for joint event with LCHS have been finalized and will be: March 13th (1:30pm) with Dutch VanRy talking about “Craig Wadsworth & the Rough Riders”. On October 2nd (1:30pm) Mayor Dick Hatheway and others will speak about “Memories of Main Street” including what has been discovered digging up Main Street. **ACTION: Would Margaret like to speak? Others?**

An additional program could include the 150th Anniversary of the failed founding of a “Normal School”. The college is interested in partnering on this program as a way to build interest in their 150th anniversary in 2021. This will run in late October or November.

***Chris would like a Quarterly Mailing – January, June, September....***

***SUNY Geneseo is doing work to improve the McClellen House (Gallery).*** During the review that Jim attended, they highlighted that APOG would be very happy with the work. If CAS from Geneseo is going to do additional work on Main Street, they should work with APOG. Chris has a call into Mark Scott, Assistant Director, CAS to meet and discuss.

***Board Member Recruiting*:** Ongoing discussion of need for additional Board members. There are open action items in this category.

**Officers’ Reports**

President’s Report - Chris:

* Annual Date review.

Vice President’s Report - Anne:

* Nothing to Report.

Secretary’s Report - Julie:

* Julie will deliver minutes for November & December with the January minutes.

Treasurer’s report – Dave:

* Approximately $10,000 in Checking account. $1,000 will be paid to the Temple Hill Cemetery Association for their wrought iron work. As previously voted on and approved, this is being funded by a portion of the profits from the Beer & Wine event.

Corresponding Secretary’s report - Margaret:

* Not present.

**Committee Reports**

Awards:

* Need Chair.
* Board discussed some potential award recipients in early 2016 for presentation at the Annual meeting. Some potential candidates include: Scoville’s building (Mama Mia’s); 54 Center Street - Gail White, owner re-sided with hardy board and will replace the porch rail (Rental); Martin Miskell’s property on 2nd (at Oak); 72 Center (Phi Sig) house for the roof/widow walk renovation; Lima Road house across from Kimberly; Porch on 2nd Street & Ward Place; 31 North porch replacement.

Marketing, Communications & Membership - TBA:

* Need Chair.
* For the year of 2015, we had *119 memberships*. We had 101 members in 2014.
* Julie, Kurt & Chris need to meet with Andrew Soucier of Soucier Design who is finalizing the web page for launch. **ACTION: Julie will contact Andrew and set up a meeting to review status and plan launch.**

Programs & Education – Margaret, Anne & Jim co-chairs:

* Lisa Burns from SUNY Geneseo has proposed that APOG work jointly with the Finger Lakes Opera to do a Historic House Tour the weekend of the Opera during the summer. She has offered the Principals to host/perform at the houses. Discussion in progress – probably only need ~4 houses.
* There are some potential topics that we should consider if we were to host a session/open discussion on student housing in historic properties. Ben Beagle, the Editor of the LCN has agreed to facilitate a discussion if we do that.
* There are some items on the Village Code that could be better enforced.
* We have had feedback and much discussion about the opportunity to help improve the aesthetic of our community by addressing simple improvements to residential rental properties. We might want to create a separate 2016 pilot program for residential rental properties within the historic district for grants. Include landscaping, aesthetic site improvements, & paint.
* Proudly announce an expansion of the grant program – Wine & Beer event will partially benefit this program. All other properties are still eligible for grants.
* We can invite donations to this grant and ask members to “Let us know what you think”.
* We should cite good examples of preservation at rentals properties – e.g. paint colors, landscaping. Can we partner with Walmart, Wegmans, Tractor Supply, Sherwin Williams, Lowes, Home Depot, etc. We should we include the Garden Club for suggestions for hardy and easy to maintain plants.
* Guidelines need to be documented.
* Get list of rentals and identify those that need help**. ACTION: Julie will get list of rental properties in the Village.**
* One idea is a pamphlet on “did you know”: available student workers for landscaping, free plants, porch furniture swaps, etc. 1994/5 Model for Volunteer Historic Commission – exists in Village. **ACTION: Julie will get the Village statutes and share.**
* Dave suggested that we do a top 10 list of high risk properties that could/should be approached. **ACTION: Board should do drive-bys to identify 5 or more properties that are: “eye sores”.**

Cemetery Preservation – Gretchen:

* Not Present.

Save the Wall – Kurt:

* Nothing new to report.

**Old Business**

* None

**New Business**

* None.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:00 PM

Next meeting:

* **6:30 PM** in room 303A of the Government Building on February 3, 2016.
* **Please let Chris know if you cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Meyers