

Palmyra Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2010

The meeting began with the Ninth Period History Class, with Dr. Judith Wellman making a presentation about the Underground Railroad in Wayne County. After Dr. Wellman's talk, Judy Zanin presented her with the Palmyra Bicentennial book, (donated by Historic Palmyra) and a Palmyra lapel pin.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:20 pm. Judy Zanin filled in for Chairman Jim Elliott.

Present: Chris Daly, Jeff Jarvis, Mark Vande, Judy Zanin.

Absent: Ellie Drake, Jim Elliott, Mike Haskins.

Guests: Ken Bradstreet, Vicky Daly.

The first order of business was to review the minutes. Ellie Drake, by email, pointed out a few corrections to be made. The Village Board meeting referenced in the September meeting minutes should have had its date as 10/18/10. Also, Ellie sent notice of Dr. Wellman's talk to members of the Rochester Area Council on the Social Studies. The commission members voted to approve the corrected minutes.

Spotlight of the Month was the next topic. Judy Zanin sent in the Palmyra Library House write up and photo, but as of the meeting it had not been published by the Wayne Post. Ken Bradstreet suggested that the Spotlights be sent into the Wayne County Life blog, run by Seth Burgess.

For November's Spotlight, we are thinking about asking Terry Rodman on Jackson St. if he would be willing to have his house spotlighted. We need to check with Mike Haskins if he could make contact with Mr. Rodman.

The next item of business was to discuss the November meeting. We will be reviewing the next two Local Landmarkers then. We will also decide if we will have a meeting in December, as it is a busy month. The next Ninth Period History Class we hope to have in January, and Chris Daly will contact Iain Gellatly to ask if he would be willing to talk about the work he has done on his historic house. If he is willing to do so, we will do a spotlight of his house for the month of January, also.

Ken Bradstreet asked about the Admiral Sampson house. At a previous meeting, Vicky Daly said she'd been approached by a potential buyer of the house about the Preservation Commission assisting with the nomination of the house to the National Register of Historic Places. Vicky said she would follow up with the prospective buyer. Judy Zanin suggested that documenting the progress of rehabilitating the house might be helpful to the new owner, and might make an interesting Ninth Period History Class. Judy said she'd be willing to take the photos.

Ken Bradstreet suggested that the Preservation Commission look into soliciting funds to rehab the upper floor of the Village Hall, as a group who restored a cobblestone building in Huron did. He recommended that we invite the people instrumental in this to speak to the Commission, or possibly as a Ninth Period History Class. Vicky Daly said that Village Board Approval would be necessary to take on the project. Ken suggested having a booth at the local festivals to fundraise, and perhaps a poster of local, historic front doors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Jarvis, and seconded by Chris Daly.

The meeting ended at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.