

CHESTERFIELD HISTORIC and LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES for JANUARY 13, 2021, 5:30 PM

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Michael Kane (Vice-Chairman), Lynne Johnson (Secretary), Jack Avery, Ann Chrissos, George Chrissos, Erin Compton, Steve Domahidy, Anne Lewis, and DeeAnn Wright.

The Liaison to the Chesterfield City Council, Mary Ann Mastorakos, gave up her presence so that there would not be more than 10 persons present at this meeting as restricted by COVID regulations.

GUESTS: John Green and Randy Johnson from Bonhomme Church

Michael Kane brought the meeting to order at 5:30 and introduced our two guests representing Bonhomme Church. They presented their request first before the rest of the meeting.

John Green presented the background of the damage that the flooded Creve Coeur Creek has caused to the eroded creek bank adjacent to the historic Bonhomme Church graveyard. The erosion began occurring after the installation of the new bridge on Conway Road by old White Road. The corner fence post of the graveyard is compromised because the high creek bank has caved off. The Church has already spent over \$30,000 trying to stop the erosion. John passed out pictures showing the erosion progression and also the engineering report about future expenses of the repair.

John has requested that, because of all the graves on this site of Chesterfield Founders from the 19th century, the CHLPC support the Bonhomme Church effort to stop the erosion by encouraging financial help.

A MOTION was made by Lynne Johnson, seconded by DeeAnn Wright, that the CHLPC send a letter to the Bonhomme Church that we support their efforts to stop erosion of the Creve Coeur Creek bank which is threatening the 1850's old Bonhomme Stone Church graveyard. Our support also encourages various grants and area governments to offer financial support for this expensive endeavor. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: The CHLPC minutes from September 9, 2020 were unanimously approved after a motion by DeeAnn and second by Jack Avery.

TREASURER'S REPORT: DeeAnn submitted the Treasurer's report for the period from August 31, 2020 until December 31, 2020 when the balance went from \$16,305.40 to \$13,900.40. 2021 Calendar ads added \$3,160 and book sales

from Faust Park Festival added \$65. There was a question if all ads for the 2021 calendar were paid up. The expenses were \$4,230 for 2021 calendar printing and \$1,400 for Museum rental.

A MOTION was made by Lynne, seconded by Ann Chrissos to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

An announcement was made that the election of CHLPC officers was done by email in early November since the November CHLPC meeting was cancelled due to COVID. The results:

Chairman - Jane Durrell

Vice-Chairman - Michael Kane

Secretary - Lynne Johnson

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. 2021 Calendar - There are fewer than 50 of the original 2,000 left to distribute. Mike and Lynne mentioned how many positive comments were made during distribution. Mike thanked Anne Lewis for putting together such a wonderful calendar.

B. The Faust Park Festival at the end of September was very well attended since COVID had shut down so many other weekend events. Our CHLPC table was again in the Governor Bates House.

C. The City Hall Corridor display on the 200th anniversary of Missouri Statehood was installed by Ann Chrissos. It will be moved to the new museum location in the spring.

D. The new Museum location on the second floor of the Mall, close to Macys, has been thoroughly cleaned by DeeAnn with her employees. Mayor Bob Nation volunteered to have the City employees help move the contents from the old museum location to the new in about 2 weeks. The Chamber's article on the museum needs in Out & About resulted already in a volunteer from Friendship Village.

DeeAnn passed around a get well card to send to Jane Durrell.

NEW BUSINESS

A. The 2022 Calendar will be put together by Anne Lewis and she requested that we all find more sources of Chesterfield area pictures.

B. Jack showed a professional booklet of a Arkansas area Commercial Enterprises. He thought something like it should be done for the Chesterfield area.

Lynne has suggested that we collect pictures and remembrances of local Korean War Veterans for a museum display. A local Sports Personalities display was also mentioned.

C. The CHLPC has received a request from Mark Leach about providing support to the Dampier archeological site so that future development in adjacent areas does not destroy additional graves and village sites before they are identified by archeologists with the Missouri Historic Preservation Office and the Osage Nation. The CHLPC can work with the Chesterfield City Planning Department to develop a procedure so that the State of Missouri and Osage Nation are included in zoning discussions when such developments are proposed.

A MOTION was made by Mike and seconded by DeeAnn for the CHLPC to support the above request by the State of Missouri and the Osage Nation concerning future development near the Dampier Site. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Anne Lewis reported that the Queathem House is for sale and she was concerned about having adequate zoning restrictions for the site. Justin Wyse, the Director of Planning, had just sent CHLPC members an email with the present restricted retail zoning for the old house, such as restaurant space limited to 45 patrons and certain rooms remaining in a historic setting.

Anne also mentioned that the County Health Department will offer COVID vaccinations to citizen over 65.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40.

The next scheduled CHLPC meeting is Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30.

Submitted by Lynne Johnson