**MINUTES**

**Historic Preservation Commission**

**February 2, 2023**

**City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL**

**1) Call to Order**

L. Solak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2) Roll Call/Attendance**

The following Commission members were present, Ana Freund, Diana Kenney, Bob Kosin, Lisa Solak, and, Bob Wyman. Judi Halter, Nancy Haskins and Brittany Niequist were absent. City Planner, Elizabeth Maxwell, was present for staff.

**3) Public Comment**

It was acknowledged that there were two people in the audience. One stated they were a citizen of Crystal Lake looking to learn about the Commission. The other was a boy scout who was attending the meeting to earn their Citizenship and Community badge. He was with troop #158.

**4) Approval of Minutes of the January 5, 2023 Regular Meeting**

L. Solak noted a correction. D. Kenney made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023 regular meeting with the noted corrections. A. Freund seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. Motion passed.

**5) Trolley Tour 2023**

B. Wyman presented the information about the trolley bus companies. Aries bought out the Trolley Car and Bus Company, which was the company used for the past years. The costs have gone up. The Commission reviewed the three proposals. Everyone felt that the configuration of the Way to Go trolley seats would not work for their purpose. B. Wyman made a motion to accept the Aries Charter Transportation quote for $4,555.32. B. Kosin seconded the motion. On voice vote all members voted aye. Motion passed.

The members went through the list of homes and assigned them. Each member can read through past articles and research that was done. They can verify these facts and make updates to the articles with the most current information. There is some research at the Colonel Palmer House.

The members looked at the sponsorship letter and talked about the sponsorship opportunities. A. Freund said she could work on a social media graphic. B. Wyman said his wife can work at the table checking guests in.

**6) Cemetery Cleaning and Veteran’s Book**

D. Kenney discussed the sale of the book at the upcoming Historical Society Sears Home presentation. She suggested they bring $5 bills for change, arrive around 12:40 and bring about a dozen books.

D. Kenney said the newspaper article generated leads including the manager of the Warner & Troost company. He met with D. Kenney and the Algonquin Township representative, Kelly Freeman to look at the stones. The Township wants to hire someone to evaluate the safety of the stones and which should be prioritized for safety. A team will come out to analyze the stones and create a work plan.

**7) Member Inquiries and Reports**

B. Kosin asked where the Father McCormick Park plaque is located since it does not appear in the park anymore. Staff will look into the matter further.

D. Kenney noted that Colonel Palmer would be closed for maintenance so research on the houses can be done around mid February.

**8) Adjournment**

There being no further business, D. Kenney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Wyman seconded the motion. On voice vote, all members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.