

Sanford Historic Trust
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018

1) **Call to Order:** 7:07 pm

2) **Approve November Minutes – Approved**

Board members in attendance: Leon Konieczny, Amanda Nall, Ginger Updike, Flossie Gillen, Peggy West, Alyse Pickard, Katie Gardner
Membership quorum in attendance

3) **Reports**

a. **President's Report**

i. **2017/2018 Annual Report**

1. **Tour of Homes-** Survey responses came back with overall positive feedback. Overall the event was profitable with approximately 900 tickets sold.
2. **Harvest Dinner-** Approximately \$800 loss for last year. Goal moving forward is to at least break even.
3. **Community Day-** Discuss plans to hold this year.
4. **Porchfest Sponsor-** The Trust is a main sponsor for this year. The event is FREE and will be held on February 24, 2018.
5. **St. James AME sponsor-** Sponsored \$1000 towards roof repair in 2017. St. James is waiting for approval for additional funding through other sources.
6. **Heritage Park-** Plans to break ground in 2019
7. **ALF-** Moving forward with demolition
8. **Mayfair Inn-** Planning & Zoning approved and plans are moving forward. Plans to have the owners speak at a meeting once more plans are in place.
9. New things coming to downtown:
 - a. Comfort Inn, Hotel Leon, Henrys Depot Sanford, Tuffy's
10. New businesses in the last year or so:
 - a. Rosie Lee's Tea, Mr. Z's, El Zocalo relocated, Magpies, Pedal Driven, Neel-Schaffer, Hollerbach's Outfitters
11. **Christine Dalton**
 - a. **Historic Preservation series-** Plans for speakers at upcoming meetings. Christine was unable to attend but will provide an update at the February meeting on the Birmingham Convention and Goldsboro Walking Tour.
12. **Other meetings last year:**
 - a. St. James AME, Sanford Museum Field trip, Local craft beer merchants discuss
13. **Looking forward to this year:**

- a. February meeting: Christine Dalton- *Speak to the Trust about her Birmingham experience. February is Black History Month, so she would like to invite members of the Goldsboro Heritage Advisory Committee, Georgetown Heritage Advisory Committee and MLK Steering Committee to the meeting. She would like to highlight the content of the two new tour brochures that were created and have the MLK Steering Committee chairman talk about the events honoring MLK Jr. Day.*
- b. March Meeting (tentative): Ian Lockwood- *Ian is a Livable Transportation Engineer and international expert on place based transportation planning and is one of the most innovative transportation engineers in the profession. He has done groundbreaking work which has resulted in highway removals, which have been replaced with walkable boulevards. Ian is focused on transportation solutions to create or enhance pedestrian friendly places, and has worked with scores of historic communities across the U.S.. You can read more about Ian here: <http://www.tooledesign.com/company/staff-directory/ian-lockwood>.*
- c. Historic Preservation Lecture Series: June and October meeting speakers- TBD

14. Plans for 2018- Share your ideas with the Board!

b. Treasurer's Report –

- i. **2018 Budget-** Total account balance is ~\$28,000 (\$22,000 in checking/\$6,000 in savings)
- ii. **2018 Budget ratification vote-** Budget unanimously approved.

4) Recognition- Provided thank yous for the following people:

- a. **Alec Then, Lamppost project and maintenance**
- b. **Kathy Hull, Images of Sanford Calendar project**
- c. **Ginger Hoke, 2017 Tour of Homes Director**

5) New Business

a. Proposed amendment to bylaws

- i. A proposal by the Board of Directors to **amend the by-laws**. Specifically, we propose that the membership vote to amend this specific section of the by-laws:

We propose to change one sentence of Article VII, Section 8:

FROM: "The quorum for all regular and special meetings of the general membership shall be **30% of the members**, unless otherwise designated in these by-laws."

TO: “The quorum for all regular and special meetings of the general membership shall be **the members present**, unless otherwise designated in these by-laws.”

Rationale:

1. We’ve found it difficult to meet a 30% quorum in the past, and without a quorum it is hard to do the business of the trust.
2. We’d like to increase and encourage membership, but the more members we get, the more we need for a quorum.
3. We are still bound by a two-week notice for any further change in the by-laws, and any change in the by-laws would still require a 2/3 approval vote.
4. We always publish notice of our meetings about a week in advance and they are held on a regular date and time so all members know when they are and have the ability to attend.
5. We are committed to an honest and open way of doing business, and want to be responsive to the will of the membership.
6. We’d like to reform the current committees since they are outdated and would like to proceed with restructuring of that without member approval.

ii. Motion on the floor to change from **30% of the members** to at least **10 members present**.

1. Motion passed – (22 in favor/2 opposed)

b. 2018 Photo project- April timeframe will be the start for submitting images. Theme of “This is Sanford” will stay the same and photos will still need to be black and white. Request to display all photo submissions and possibly have a popular vote to select final images.

c. 2018 Membership- Please pay dues ASAP

d. 2018 Historic lampposts- Mike Lennon will take over as the lead for the lamppost project. Request for 10 allocated lamp posts to be installed in Sanford Heights. Revisit the request for \$250 donation for installation of each lamp post.

e. 2018 Community Picnic- Currently looking for someone to spearhead.

f. 2018 Historic Preservation Awards- During the May meeting, 5 historic structures will be awarded.

6) Next General Membership meeting is February 15, 2018 at 7pm at the Welcome Center

a. Speaker (see above) for Black History Month. There will be a reception following.

7) Adjourn: 8:28pm

8) Pizza Reception