Sanford Historic Trust

Minutes-General Membership Meeting: September 15, 2022

1. Call to order 7:08pm
2. Review/approve prior meeting minutes: 1st – Denny Gibbs, 2nd – Tania King, approved
3. Reports
	1. President – Brent Terwilliger reported that the elections for next year’s board will be coming soon. We need to establish an election committee. There will also be a lot of fun activities coming up,
	2. Treasurer – Tania King reported that we have $85,665 in checking and $6,014 in savings. Fiscally we are doing really well. She’s met with the calendar committee and the Tour of Home committee and all budgets are on track.
	3. Committees
		1. Tour of Homes: Amy Erisman and Michelle Parrish
			1. We need volunteers, both in planning and on the day of. The signup list will be available the second week of October.
			2. The event will be on December 3rd, from 12-9pm. There will be 10 locations – 8 homes and 2 churches. The churches will do guided tours and people will be dressed in period garb. We will also have vintage cars at some locations. Each home will have a bio with a history of the building. Celery City podcast will do nice promotion. We will have a large market with 30 vendors. We need help with social medial so please follow and share on Facebook and Instagram to help spread the word
		2. Tour of Drinks: Robert Bonesteel
			1. We will kick off holidays earlier this year – starting at Halloween and run through New Year’s Eve, to include 4 holiday themes. The bars are on board as long as they get more exposure. We will create a marketing calendar.
			2. We will be kicking off on October 29th at Henry’s Depot for a Zombie Crawl. Tour menus will have a QR code with paths and will end with a street party at Celery City.
			3. Each participating bar will have 4 drinks – Halloween, Thanksgiving, winter holiday & NYE. $1 from each drink goes to SHT.
		3. Community Picnic: Colleen Greenhouse
			1. The event will be on October 8th at Park on Park, from 4-6pm. SHT will bring hot dogs, burgers, water, and paper products. Guests bring sides/desserts & bring a friend.
			2. RSVP at signup.com link – note what you’re bringing & how many are coming.
			3. We will have games, kids crafts. Bring blankets/chairs.
		4. Grants: Amy Erisman
			1. SHT is offering $2500 to 4 homeowners to preserve historic buildings. Please share message and apply asap. Deadline is October 1st. The funds will be awarded in January. You do not have to live in the historic district and you do not need to be trust member,
			2. Some of the other initiatives the Trust has supported:
				1. We paid for electricity in Centennial Park
				2. All lights/lampposts in historic district
		5. Calendar: Kathy Hull
			1. This will be the 9th year for the calendar. We went through a blind judging and have chosen the winners. The cost of printing the calendars has gone up, it will cost about $6,000 this year. We have two new title sponsors – The Sanford Herald and Leigh Ann Lyon, CPH is still with us. Kathy reviewed the winners and sponsor names.
		6. Membership (Virginia Vlassick) – no report
4. Old Business (None)
5. New Business
	1. Welcome to Ms. Patricia Black, Georgetown Resident
		1. Ms Black shared her family’s history in Sanford/Georgetown. Her Father, Pilgrim Black, is historical marker #3 on Sanford Ave. He had to leave school at 10 to help his mother. The property from their original house on 25th Ave. was purchased by a lumber yard but they kept all the wood and moved and rebuilt the home in 1940 where it stands today on 10th Ave. Her father was a migrant crew leader – would take African Americans from Sanford and drive to NY to work during the summer. Patricia shared many details of her family’s journey and emphasized bringing black & white communities together.
	2. Committee Leadership and Members
		1. **Nominating/Elections** – Help recruit new Board members and Officials; Brent reported that we need members to determine eligibility, present the ballot and vote at the November’s General Membership Meeting (positions available are President, Secretary, and two board members). If anyone is interested in holding a position talk to us – we’ll be glad to advise. Brent will stay on as ex-officio for 6 months.
		2. **Finance/Budget** – We need two members from general membership to help create the initial budget and brief Board and General membership on details This is your opportunity to have a say in next year’s fiscal budget. This needs to be general members, not board members.
	3. Thank You to our host, Holy Cross Episcopal Church
	4. Upcoming Dates:
		1. Community Picnic: Saturday (4-6PM), October 8th

Location: Park on Park

* + 1. General Membership Meeting: Thursday (7PM), November 17, 2022 Location: TBD
	1. Other (any ad hoc motions or points of discussion)
		1. Michelle Parrish suggested we consider a fundraising goal to repair the clock and stained glass in Magnolia Square.
			1. Brent added that we can solicit for the first time and opened the discussion of what is our ask for.
				1. Grants project is a natural tie in.
				2. Discussion of why we were founded, what money goes to. Board will take on approval and review.
				3. We will need volunteer from general membership to be the point person on a proposal for the clock.
1. Adjourn – 1st Doug McLendon, 2nd – Robin Theisen, approved 8:13pm