

MINUTES
January 9, 2008

Kennett Square Historical Commission
Borough of Kennett Square

- A.** Call to order
 - 1. 7:10 PM
- B.** Present
 - 1. Dan Maffei, Barbara Abate, Linda Irwin, Laura Jackson, Susan Myers, Prissy Roberts, Lynn Sinclair, Carla Willard
- C.** Visitors
 - 1. Kevin Ciancia of 113 South Broad Street, Bob Korn
- D.** The minutes of December 12, 2007 were approved with one correction: G-5 Linda Irwin not Lynn Sinclair's term is up in January, 2008.
- E.** Treasurer's report
 - 1. Dan reviewed the 2007 Financial Report (Report enclosed)
 - 2. December 31, 2006 balance: \$4040.45
 - 3. 2007 income: \$9529.95
 - 4. 2007 expenditures: \$4624.04
 - 5. 2007 balance: \$8946.36
- F.** OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Member/Officer Status: Attached is a list of the members, their term and expiration date, office held, and committee leadership.
 - 2. Lecture Series: The topic for the February Lecture will be roofing. A contractor knowledgeable in slate roofing would be desirable. Norris will be asked to present the program on Heating and Cooling. Dan expressed an interest in leading the May 15th lecture on window repair and replacement.
 - 3. 113 S. Broad Street: Kevin Ciancia purchased 113 S. Broad Street in July, 1999. He came before the Board to request the relocation of a structure on the above property. According to Mr. Ciancia, he filed for demolition/relocation of the out building on February 14, 2006 to the Borough of Kennett Square, but it was not copied to the Historical Commission and therefore never received by the Commission. Discussion ensued as to adaptive reuse of the structure: office, retail, or apartment. Mr. Ciancia stated that since the stop sign on Church Alley has been moved by the Boro and parking allowed across from the garage, a safety hazard has been created for people exiting his property. A structural report on the condition of the structure must be submitted to the Commission.
 - 4. Historic Preservation Award: Susan reported the criteria used to choose structures for the Preservation Award include the following: (1) Preservation follows the Standards of the Historical & Museum Commission. (2) Preservation follows the guidelines for adaptive reuse; (3) Enhances the neighborhood, is creative, and brings the structure "back to life". Susan will submit a list of criteria for the February meeting.
 - 5. Walking Tour Brochure: Carla has located a number of Walking Tour brochure which will be distributed to retail stores, B&B's and restaurants. Carla will report next month on the location of the computerized original tour brochure.
 - 6. Work Plan 2008: Attached is a copy of the Work Plan adopted February 9, 2006 and updated on March 24, 2006. Action Items #2 & #4 have been completed. #3 - Carla will bring a grant application from the Mushroom Festival to the February meeting so the Commission can apply for historic signage on East Linden Street and/or Historic Kennett Square signage replacement on the Borough's borders. #5 and #6 can work in tandem.

#6 – On a committee level, the group would come up with a proposal and take to Council.

#7 Linda will talk with Leon Rowe, former member of the Board, who took many pictures of Borough structures. Dan discussed the possibility of awarding homeowners an opportunity to access money to restore their home if done by Standards. Grant money would need to be sought after to support this type of program. Also discussed was a recommendation for municipal level tax break program for renovations done “per guidelines of our program” on roofing, siding, etc.

7. Historic Kennett Square/National Trust Conference: The March 30, 2008 walking tour of the Main Street District will start at 12:00 PM and end at 12:45 PM. Three docents will be needed. Dan will notify the Boro of this event.

G. New Business

1. Dan will ask the ARB if the member of the Historical Commission sitting in on ARB meetings (3rd Wednesday of the month) must become a member of the ARB and/or can different members represent the Commission at different times. Also the Commission needs a representative on the Historic East Linden Street meetings (4th Tuesday of the month).
2. Prissy gave the Commission \$65.50 which were proceeds of Sesquicentennial memorabilia sold at Torelli’s Men’s Shop.

H. Adjourn

1. 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Prissy Roberts