

**CITY OF BELVIDERE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
December 18, 2024
5:30 pm
City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard**

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Dawn Brooks, Chair
Kim Coniglio, Vice Chair
Sonya Dobberfuhr
Alexandra Omiotek
David Kummerow
Natali Monaghan

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner

Members Absent:

Lisa Kummerow

Dawn Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded (Dobberfuhr/Omiotek) to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2024. Motion carried with a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Work Plan

2023 Awards Program: Gina DelRose stated that \$400.00 out of the \$500.00 in ad space sold has been received and three books were sold at the event.

Gina DelRose commended the Commission on hosting a successful event and stated that it was wonderful to see how appreciative the award winners were.

David Kummerow stated that the layout of the library allowed for groups of people to talk with each other and network which was nice.

Dawn Brooks stated that although they could not attend the Sister Cities Association of Belvidere was thankful for their invitation.

Gina DelRose informed the Commission that they should be monitoring potential award winners for next year.

David Kummerow stated that he would like to host the event at the Swift House when it is ready.

Promotional/Fundraising Events:

Gina DelRose stated that it seems the consensus of the Commission was to move forward with the Victorian picnic series. Ms. DelRose stated that the Commission should start to determine menu items, activities, ticket sales, etc.

David Kummerow stated that he would be willing to host one of the picnics at the Swift House.

Dawn Brooks stated that she purchased books about the Victorian Era for research.

Sonya Dobberfuhr stated that she would like to do another scavenger hunt.

The Commission determined they would like to do another stained glass window tour.

Maintenance Small Grant: Gina DelRose stated that grant notification letters were sent out and the Commission will have approximately \$3,000.00 to award. Gina DelRose stated that as the main fundraiser, 111 A Walk Through Time books were sold in 2024.

Expenditures: Gina DelRose stated that she still has not received an invoice for the awards program invitations.

Friends of Preservation: David Kummerow stated that he would like to see the meetings and newsletter start back up. Mr. Kummerow stated they were well received and very beneficial to those that attended.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Images of America: Belvidere and Boone County, Boone County Journal Postcard Books, A Walk Through Time

Royalties: None.

Book Sales: Gina DelRose stated that 9 books sold at Hometown Christmas.

DISCUSSION: David Kummerow suggested hosting a fundraiser in which the Swift House paranormal investigation video could be shown.

Gina DelRose stated the event could include a history lesson on seances and tarot cards, especially in regards to their popularity in the Victorian era.

Staff Report: Gina DelRose provided a staff update regarding new businesses locating to Belvidere.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 28, 2025

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Recorded by

Gina DelRose
Community Development Planner