

Site Envisioning and Development Committee
Illinois Yearly Meeting
Minutes - February 27, 2010
Mills' Homestead on the ILYM campus

Present: Dick Ashdown-Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Carol Bartles-Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Jeannie Marvin-Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Bobbi Trist-Urbana Champaign Monthly Meeting, Chip Rorem, clerk -57th St Monthly Meeting. Also attending: Neil Mesner - clerk of the Maintenance and Planning Committee.

Regrets: Sallyann Garner-Lake Forest Monthly Meeting, Bill Howenstine- Upper Fox Valley Monthly Meeting, Dennis McQueen-South Bend Monthly Meeting.

Meeting opened in silence at 10:00 am.
Agenda reviewed.

The current role of SE&D Committee at this time.

1 - SE&DC takes the work of the Visioning Workshop, Maintenance and Planning Committee, Finance Committee and Environmental Concerns Committee fold it all together into a site plan to be presented for discernment and approval at the 2011 annual session.

2- Fundraising for the Mills house to make it more fully serve ILYM.

Status of the Site Envisioning and Development Committee.

SE&DC recommends ILYM consider returning the joint committee to two committees: SEC and DC. Our current capability to address fundraising has been reduced. New members to serve this function are needed. Alternatively, the fundraising function could be returned to the Finance Committee from where it originated. We think these committees need younger members and members representing the geographic diversity of ILYM.

Committees membership

Status of current committee membership. We reviewed the status of membership of this committee. Chip, Dick, Jeannie, wish to continue serving on the committee. (Chip is two years into his term.) Bobbi expressed an interest in helping with fundraising. Robert Bartles resigned from the committee last fall. Carol Bartles offered to speak with Dennis McQueen to see if he wants to continue serving on the committee. Chip will speak with Bill and Sallyann to see if they would want to continue serving on this committee. Chip later contacted Bill. Bill is willing to serve on the committee to address site envisioning. He has no interest in assuming responsibilities for development/fundraising leadership. Chip later contacted Sallyann and she "...expressed her concern that sometimes people serve too long. The committee needs some new members. She thinks: 'those of us whose terms are expiring should think about offering to step off the committee.'" Carol has offered to step down from membership on this committee to make room for new members.

Membership on these committees

If Continuing Committee approves separating Site Envisioning and Development into two committees, we recommend the following:

Site Envisioning Committee: Continuing members include Chip, Dick, Bill, Jeannie. The members identified represent Friends who have served for a long time. We could use new members to assist with ongoing committee memory and vision. This committee needs young people and people representing the rich geographical diversity of ILYM.

Development Committee: Bobbi Trist offered to serve on the Development Committee with certain limitations. Members will be needed for the Development Committee. We look for young Friends, and increased regional diversity. We suggest the Nominating Committee speak with Mary Ellen Gilpin to see if the Working Party for Programs and Advancement might become part of the Development Committee and/or recommend nominees. We ask that Finance Committee be consulted to recommend nominees. Other names to consider include: Cathy Garra, Casey Kashnig, Steve Tamari, Kevin Suess, and Erin Taylor, (As a side note – Carol recommends 4-5 members total to serve on this committee. She also recommends that Tim Narkiewicz be oversight steward for Development)

Outstanding issues to be addressed before the 2010-2011 year begins

- 1 – We wait to see if Continuing Committee will separate the Site Envisioning part from the Development part and form two committees or determine some other structure.
- 2 – If ILYM CC does not separate these two committees, we will reconvene to develop a fund raising strategy for 2010-2011.
- 2 – We will set up an inter-committee meeting system that will assist ILYM committees in developing the master site plan.
- 2 – We will address how the documentation work of the committee is better distributed throughout the committee and re-balance the workload.
- 3 – We look forward to receiving and reviewing the CAMP and use it as a tool in developing the site plan. We hope the completed CAMP is available before 2010 annual session.
- 4– Select a clerk. Chip is willing to continue but feels the committee should be consulted.

Continuing fundraising.

We also discussed fund raising for the completion of the work on the Mills Homestead through the Property Improvement Fund (PIF). SE&DC is responsible for fund raising. Finance Committee monitors the status of available

funds. Maintenance and Planning Committee is overseeing the work in the Mills Homestead house. A partial list of work in the Mills Homestead house includes:

- Restroom renovation and plumbing repairs
- Plastering and painting
- Graveling the driveway
- Handrails on back staircase
- Water treatment
- Re-grading the land around the house to improve drainage

Other work/ issues facing SE & DC on the Mills Homestead House and property.

***There is an interest in turning the existing garage into 3 bathrooms and 2 accessible bedrooms. This work needs further investigation of existing conditions prior to determining a path toward construction. M&P will advise.

***Mowing has become a large expense. We need to reduce the costs of mowing. This will be addressed by M&P in the CAMP as well.

Meeting closed with silence.

Edited Minutes

Submitted by Carol Bartles