

September 27, 2022

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Meeting of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Columbia (HPAC)

Columbia Public Library

Friends Room

I. Call to order by Dianna O'Brien

The sign-in sheet was passed around.

Dianna recapped the last meeting.

II. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

III. There was a brief introduction of members and new members.

IV. Dianna O'Brien introduced Donna Deetz, president of Historic City of Jefferson and her colleague Steve Viele.

They both spoke about the founding of their organization, the growth in membership, and the reasons for their success. They cited a number of reasons for their success:

- 1) They collect monthly dues.
- 2) A monthly award is given out.
- 3) They initially grew from 200 to 300 members but have over 400 members now.
- 4) They eventually acquired an office in a building which includes storage for salvaged items and a small museum.
- 5) They advised us to look ahead and choose particular projects on which to work. They advised against going off in all directions trying to cover everything at once.
- 6) Both stressed the need to educate the public along with members.
- 7) Both stressed that we save more than the building; we save the story of the building.
- 8) Both guests suggested we should try to find out and establish the contacts we would need to save our history.
- 9) They learned how to go to the right places to apply for grants.
- 10) They suggested that, in setting the main mission, we find people who will undertake the mission and follow up on it.
- 11) SHIPO was mentioned. Pamela Jones asked what it was. It is the State Historic Preservation Organization.
- 12) Jefferson City managed to get an ordinance passed, with the help of a lawyer, that required any structure over 100 years of age to go through the historic preservation committee. Any structure over 50 years would be reviewed.
- 13) They put their meeting notes in a short blurb in the local newspaper.
- 14) They worked to get their name out to public notice.
- 15) They established themselves as a source of knowledge and established their credibility.
- 16) They established their non-profit status through an 501C3.
- 17) They stressed the need for
  - A. Operations/People/Advocacy
  - B. Outreach
  - C. Structure
  - D. Salvage/Sustainability
- 18) They said we need to put our time where our mouth is.

They can be contacted via: [hcjpres@gmail.com](mailto:hcjpres@gmail.com).

V. New Business

New board members were elected:

President - Dianna O'Brien  
Vice President - Dee Wasman  
Treasurer - Melissa Bernhardt  
Secretaries - Pamela Jones and Trevor Harris

Next meeting: 7:00 p.m. Oct. 26, 2022 in the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library  
A guest speaker from MU will explore their point-of-view.

Next board meeting: 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 in  
study room 3 at the Columbia  
Public Library

The meeting was adjourned.

My added questions:

1. Can we do home tours or tours of historic locations?
2. Can we establish a website?
3. What about virtual tours online of historic homes or of historic points of interest in Columbia?
4. Can books or pamphlets be publicized?