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APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 11, 1990
7:30 P.M.
Saugatuck City Hall

EXTERIOR DECORATION: ACCURATE COLOR SCHEMES FOR THE HISTORIC HOUSE

Whether you'll be painting your house this spring or are just interested in learning more about the Victorian palette, plan to attend the April 11th meeting in the Saugatuck City Hall.

Kathy R. Bundy, Historic Preservation Consultant and Society member, will address the topic of "Exterior Decoration: Accurate Color Schemes for the Historic House."

Members are invited to bring antique or contemporary photos of their houses for discussion and questions following the lecture period.

The Nomination Committee will present the slate of officers to the Society. Election of new officers will be held in May.

Your Newsletter includes the proposed deletions and additions to the Constitution and By-Laws. A special meeting will follow the general meeting to vote on these changes. It is most important that you attend the meeting as a quorum is required to pass on these changes.

Refreshments will served. Come and bring a friend !

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors met on Sunday, April 1 to complete the revisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. The next Board meeting will be held on Sunday, April 29 at the Langhorsts.

SEE YOU ON THE 11TH AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE SAUGATUCK CITY HALL

NOTES AND NOTICES

From Michigan History, March, April, 1990

- The current issue of Michigan History magazine contains articles about the Civil War, Grand Rapids during W.W.II, Maple Sugaring and Michigan's changing Farmscape.

The article on W.W.II is a photographic essay of pictures taken during the War in Grand Rapids. It brings back memories of rationing, Victory Gardens, scrap drives, the U.S.O. and includes a picture of Lt. Gerald Ford stopping off to visit his parents. The students at SouthHigh School raised enough money to pay for a B-17 bomber which was flown to Grand Rapids for commissioning in 1943.

In an article on Maple Sugaring, it states that Native Indians and European settlers have been processing maple sap in Michigan for so long that no one knows who discovered the process of evaporating water from sap to obtain syrup and sugar. Did you know that Maple syrup is high in calcium?

- Beneath the Inland Seas, an exhibit of Underwater Archaeology of the Great Lakes opens at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing in April. The exhibit includes how the treasures found are preserved, what happens to a wreck after it sinks and interpretation of artifacts.

From Historic Preservation, March, April, 1990

- This publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation contains an article entitled "Modern Mosaic." The rebirth of Pewabic Pottery has provided a rallying point for Detroit's preservationists. This 1907 ceramics studio was until recently a run-down teaching facility kept afloat by Michigan State University. Today, it is thriving business. The founder of Pottery. Mary Chase Stratton gave the studio it's name; Pewabic being the Ojibway word for iron and metal.

Examples of the pottery may be seen in the entrance to Detroit's Guardian Building, Detroit's Mayflower Baptist Church and in Belle Isle Park.

- This issue also contains articles about Santa Fe and the restoration of The Octogan, an historic Washington, D.C. house.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHANGES

In accordance with Article VII of the Constitution and Article VI of the By-Laws of The Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society, both may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with previous notice and majority vote of those present. All amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting prior to the special meeting.

Therefore, listed below are the proposed changes, which have been approved by the Board of Directors and which are now being presented to the membership prior to their being voted on at the April meeting.

Added text is underlined; deleted text is bracketed.

CONSTITUTION

Article III - Membership

Delete membership class (5) Non-Profit. Add membership class (3) Senior Citizen Family Couple - 65 years of age or older.

Article V - Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1. The officers shall be president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. [Officers shall be elected for a term of one year.]

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven members of the Society. ~~The Chairman of the Board shall be President of the Society.~~

Section 3. [The officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Directors.] The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers and three members-at-large.

Article VI - Election of the [Officers and] Board of Directors.

Section 1. All [officers and] members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by secret ballot at the annual meeting. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of one year and for no more than three consecutive terms.

Section 2. A nomination committee of at least three members shall be [appointed by the chairman of the Board of Directors] elected from the floor two months prior to the annual meeting.

The committee shall recommend a slate of officers and directors one month [before the] prior to the annual meeting. Board members and officers shall not be eligible to serve on the nominating committee.

Section 4. Officers shall be installed at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected and serve until their successors have been duly elected and installed. In the event of the [resignation or] incapacity of any officer [except the president, or any director] or director the vacancy may be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of office.

Article VII - Amendment

This constitution may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with previous notice and majority vote of those present [including absentee ballots]. All amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting prior to the special meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I - Membership and Dues

Section 2. [Delete Non-Profit] Add Senior Citizen Couple . Annual dues for the classes of membership listed below shall be set by the Board of Directors and from time to time be adjusted.

Section 5. Members in good standing with paid membership are eligible to vote.

Article II - Schedule and Quorum for Meetings

Section 3. Board meetings shall be held [at the discretion of the president.] monthly prior to the monthly general meetings. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all Board business.

Section 4. [One-third of the active members shall constitute a quorum.] No less than ten-percent of the membership in good standing as determined by the Membership Chairman, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting.

Section 5. Voting is limited to one vote per membership classification.

Article III - Duties of the [Officers and Directors] Board of Directors.

Section 1. paragraph 3. With the approval of the Board, the President shall be the sole spokesperson and negotiator for the Society unless otherwise designated by the President with the majority vote of the Board.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assume the [responsibilities] duties of the President in his/her temporary absence or incapacity. [The Vice-President shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the board.] The Vice-President shall be responsible for monthly programs to be presented at the general meetings.

Section 3. [The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all society meetings, answer all correspondence, maintain a current copy of the constitution and by-laws and notify all members of meetings of the society.] The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Society and Board meetings, have the minutes available at all regular meetings, answer all correspondence, and maintain the current copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 4. [The treasurer shall serve as chairperson of the membership committee.] All bills over \$25.00 must have the approval of the Board.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall [participate in the meetings of the executive committee] makes decisions of questions.....

[Section 6. At any meeting of the executive committee, a majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum.]

[Section 7. The board of directors shall prepare the annual report.]

[Section 8. The immediate past president of the society shall represent the society on the board of the Saugatuck-Douglas Chamber of Commerce.]

BY-LAWS (CONT.)

Article IV - Committees

Section 1. 3. Newsletter - responsible for the publication of the Society Newsletter and media notification of meetings.

Section 2. Other committees may be appointed by the [executive board] Board of Directors.

Article VI - Amendment to the By-Laws

The by-laws may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with previous notice and majority vote of those present [including absentee ballots.] All amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting prior to the special meeting.

Article VII - Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the society, the [executive board] Board of Directors shall, after paying.....

Article VIII - Directors and Officers Insurance.

Whereever the By-Laws read "trustee" the wording has been changed to "Director."