

May 13, 2008

AIA/SWMI

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting of March 12, 2008

Held at the office of: Eckert Wordell

Present: Kris Nelson, Steve Dickerson, Peter Sarelis, Marcia Strange, Matt Bastos, Jay Weiss, Sara Temple, Arnie Mikon, Shawn Parshall

Absent: Jeff Crites

The following items were discussed and/or approved as noted:

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. The meeting was called to order by Kris Nelson
2. MEETING MINUTES
 - A. February's meeting minutes tabled until next meeting.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Dickerson
 - A. Reviewed report from 02/2008 through 03/2008, motion to approve, passed.
4. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. Email received from Huron Valley requesting jury for awards. Discussion about getting firms to participate on 15-16th for jury.
 - B. Email from AIA MI (Jeff Zokers) trying to bolster membership. Has ideas of what AIA MI & Detroit have been trying to do to raise membership.
 - C. Evie Askin – update on church “Friends of Angling Neighborhood. Trying to get City of Portage to limit size (Wal-mart parking lot is smaller than required parking). Parking study by church had a lot of errors and Portage asked to redo it. Evie gave us a summary of letters that have been sent back & forth to city.
 - D. Matt – Received application for MAF grant. Andrews has a speaker on Friday that we may be interested in having speak in Kzoo. Deadline for MAF application may be April. Matt will verify.
 1. Michele Kaufuan from The Green House may be an option. New Urbanism is a suggested topic.
 2. Bob Beckley may be an option – retired U of M Dean of Arch.
 3. Tony Costello – Dean @ Ball State
5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Monthly Programs – Matt Bastos:
 1. There was one complaint about not having many monthly programs.
 2. The tour of Chime Elementary to be rescheduled for a later date.
 3. Legislative Breakfast is March 11th.
 4. Green Program @ Portage District Library.
 5. Tour of Brown Hall at Western Michigan University.
 6. We may want to coincide Kalamazoo Inc. with visit from AIA MI (Jay to check on the date)
 7. Miller Canfield tour in place.
 - B. AWARDS CEREMONY – Sara Temple
 1. Sarah is working on getting committee organized.
 - C. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS – Arnie Mikon:
 1. Legislative Breakfast is at 8:30 at Food dance with Sen. George.
 - a. Cover Legislation under consideration
 - b. Penalties for unauthorized practice
 - c. Cat. Of Merit must be filed before suit

- d. Future – if you want to incorporate then must be as LLC and must be all registered architects or engineers.
 - e. Interior design licensure
 - 2. Howling scheduled for April 15th
 - 3. Jim Escamia – Political Donation if you want to send one.
- D. PUBLIC AWARENESS – Peter Sarelis
- 1. The boards will be on display at the Portage Library next week.
- E. WEBSITE –
- 1. No report.
 - 2. Sara has some recommendations, but not done yet.
- F. EMERGING PROFESSIONALS –Shawn Parshall
- 1. AIA member would like to borrow study materials for a non-AIA member to get study for exam. Policy is that AIA member will be responsible.
 - 2. Young Architect Committee: Matt has contacted several young professionals in an attempt to meet once a month.
 - 3. Ferris is looking at starting an Architectural School, but may be a ways out.
- G. MEMBERSHIP – Larry Burns – Associate Member.
- H. COLUMN – Marcia Strange
- 1. Shawn & Perry – (Arnie).
 - 2. Green edition needs info.
- I. SUSTAINABILITY – Kris Nelson
- 1. Senior Center in Portage.
- J. AIA MICHIGAN – Jay Weiss:
- 1. No Report. Will be in Lansing.
6. GRASS ROOTS: - Matt Bastos
- A. Government involvement – Howling suggestions
 - B. Mid – late February set up appointments w/ Legislators. Verify in March.
 - C. Take a picture. Pre-contact.
 - D. KY – Legislature dinner to get social relationships
 - E. Knowledge communities – try to advance profession
 - F. Younger members involvement
 - G. Contact w/ other chapters was emphasized.
7. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Conference call with marketing group – Marx Layne
 - B. Scholarship Conference call in April
8. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Marx Layne moved to May.
9. BOARD MEETING:
- A. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at Tower Pinkster.