

July 31, 1974

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

A called meeting of the Executive Board of the Auxiliary to the Dallas County Medical Society was held July 31, 1974, at 10:00 a.m. in Aldredge House with 40 members attending.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Wm. David Barnett. She asked us to remember Martha Dorman as Mrs. Robert K. Bass gave the invocation.

The minutes of the called meeting of July 15, 1974 were read and approved as corrected..

Membership Chairman, Mrs. R. Don Patman, announced she has received 517 dues which makes 367 outstanding.

The President then asked Mrs. W. C. Sellman, Jr., to read the two letters from the Historic Preservation League which were sent to the 1973-74 Executive Board, dated July 18, 1974 and June 21, 1973.

Mrs. Barnett then called on her Advisory Committee Chairman, Mrs. Ben A. Merrick, to read a letter which has been drafted to send in explanation to the above letter and which will be sent to the 1973-74 Executive Board.

Mrs. Michael Kurilecz, House Chairman, then reported on her meeting with our lawyer, Mr. Robert Taylor the following:

1. Mr. Taylor recommends we proceed with our original plans to provide off-street parking for 47 cars on the rear of the property.
2. Mr. Taylor feels we should not let the procurement of the lot behind Aldredge House interfere with our plans.
3. Mr. Taylor believes in our project. He will continue to represent us and take our plans to the City Council and Plan Commission. At the meeting held here at Aldredge House, July 22, 1974, Dr. Godbold of the City of Dallas Historic Land Preservation Committee said our plans for the parking are within the ordinance.
4. Mr. Taylor approved our sending a letter of explanation to the 1973-74 Executive Board regarding the letter from the Historic Preservation League. He will O.K. its contents.
5. The lot in question has been sold for a sum less than the amount we bid.
6. Mr. Ed Beran has drawn up a fire escape plan which would provide an invisible, draw-up stairway to be presented to the Fire Department for approval.

In response to a question from Mrs. Law Sone, regarding what the regulation is for the House on the total number of persons who can be in it at any one time, Mrs. Merrick announced that Mr. Weiming Lu asked us to explain the proposed plan for use of each room, of the House and the number of persons we might estimate would be in attendance. A detailed letter has been sent to Mr. Lu.

The Historic Preservation League erroneously leads us to believe they represent all the residents on Swiss Avenue.

Mrs. Bass felt we should not continue till fire regulations were stated officially so we understand we can conform before any great outlay of funds.

Mrs. Bass stated she did not feel the July 22, 1974 meeting was an effort to block us but the usual red tape to accompany any such project as this.

Mrs. John B. Bourland recommended we not go ahead with the July 15th motions to spend all the money till all the above are settled adequately.

Mrs. Kurilecz announced that Mr. Taylor says we are a corner lot and most on-street parking would be on the side streets.

Mrs. Kurilecz expressed our appreciation of Mrs. Cecil O. Patterson for her help in facilitating our problems with the real estate board--escrow, etc.

Mrs. M. B. Dean asked if plans for parking have been approved by the City. She pointed out that it is an easy thing to have parking zoning signs put up which would block any on-street parking.

Mrs. John Bourland, Parliamentarian, read Section 3 of Article VII regarding Authority of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Merrick then read the following motion:

"I move that the Executive Board grant to the President, Treasurer, and the House Chairman full authority to take whatever action is necessary to: Negotiate for the purchase of the lot directly behind Aldredge House for a parking lot for the Auxiliary and to determine the terms of the contract for said purchase.

and

Determine which Auxiliary monies shall be used in financing the purchase of a parking lot

and

Make application to the City for zoning for a parking lot.

And to take whatever prompt and urgent action is necessary to expedite the opening of Aldredge House whether it is a parking problem or some other unforeseeable problem that might arise during the remainder of the summer.

And that such action by the President, Treasurer, and House Chairman be subject only to the approval of a majority of a committee of nine composed of the following officers: First Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and the Advisory Committee with ex-officio members the President-elect and the House Chairman-elect. The motion was seconded.

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Reserve Fund Chairman, Mrs. Robert Sparkman, mentioned that there are some long standing exception and restrictions concerning the principle of the Reserve Fund.

Mrs. Patman asked what the cost of creating a parking lot would be if we are able to obtain this lot. Mrs. Barnett stated Mrs. Patterson believes a wrecking company would do this for the salvage.

Mrs. Barnett asked the Secretary to read the motion.

Mrs. Bruce Meek asked for an explanation of the Reserve Fund.

Mrs. Robert Sparkman reviewed the long history of the Reserve Fund. She stated that the interest amounted to approximately \$750.00 per year. She stated that the stock would bring \$800. less that face value if sold on today's market. She recommends not including the \$12,000. Reserve Fund in the money available for the parking lot.

Mrs. Sone asked how many parking spaces would be available to us if we are able to acquire the lot.

Mrs. Kurilecz estimated between 30 and 40 spaces. She also said we are within the ordinance requirements with the proposed on-property spaces.

Mrs. Bourland noted that the major concern of the Historic Preservation League seems to be for the special affairs--wedding receptions, etc which might be held at the House in the future.

Mrs. Sparkman moved we amend the motion by inserting the words " with the exception of the principle of the Reserve Fund." between the words "monies" and "shall". Motion seconded and carried.

The original motion by Mrs. Merrick as amended was then carried.

Mrs. Bourland asked if the Auxiliary is permitted by the by-laws to have a money-making affairs. Mrs. Barnett assured it is.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Beverly R. Sellman,
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