

PRESERVATION HALL
NOBLESVILLE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE



Past



Present



Future!



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EST. 1987

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2020 began with such remarkable promise! Since its founding in 1987, NPA has been devoted to saving, displaying and repairing Noblesville's historic homes—all without a home of its own. That ended October 15, 2019 when NPA purchased *Preservation Hall* (formerly known as *The Logan Street Sanctuary*) with assistance from an *Indiana Landmarks Endangered Properties Loan*. Preservation Hall came to rest at 1274 Logan in 1938 when it was moved from Ohio where it had served its community since 1916. The interest free Landmarks loan carried a mandate that we implement an historically appropriate exterior renovation—NPA's specialty! Of course, we were delighted to comply, though challenged by the construction costs. NPA members were able to manage the interior renovations, which included painting, wall decor of framed historic Noblesville photos removing interior walls on the lower level to create a large community celebration/gathering space that we furnished with vintage tables and chairs donated by members. November 17th NPA celebrated with a Grand Opening and Capital Campaign kick-off to retire the \$75K loan and fund renovations. The campaign was going well and we were generating additional revenue from facility rentals and NPA events. We held our 2019 Annual Meeting, one Roots Music Concert and a successful Noble Stories presentation (on Noblesville life in the 1800's). While happily planning several other such events and securing rentals for weddings, meeting and other celebrations, COVID-19 began to visit Noblesville and alter those plans.

Since then, many good things have happened along with the very significant challenges we have all faced. Throughout this report, NPA Board Members will describe our challenges, successes and exciting plans for NPA's very bright future! NPA members have not stopped working and planning, and promise a return of the events and services you've enjoyed in the past, as well as a number of new ones made possible because:



Sandy Stewart

We *finally* have our own home and event venue, and are more eager than ever to share it with you on many joyous occasions. We look forward to seeing you at the next Historic Home Tour, concert, Flea Market, lecture or party - just as soon as we can safely mingle! In the meantime, we look forward to beginning Preservation Hall's exterior restoration as soon as weather permits. Stay safe and well preserved!



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ \$1,000 Table—8 available, 2 Sold
- ◆ \$1,500 Board Room Table—One available, Sold
- ◆ \$2,500 Window—8 available
- ◆ \$5,000 Pew—14 available
- ◆ \$10,000 Pulpit—One available
- \$10,000 Baby Grand Piano – One available

Each Sponsorship will be acknowledged on a plaque affixed to the sponsored area—permanently and proudly displayed in Preservation Hall! It may be used to display your name, your business, or the name of someone you wish to honor or memorialize.

(Please contact us: info@noblesvillepreservation.org If you would like more information.)

Thanks to the following generous grantors, sponsors and donors, we are very close to the “future” Preservation Hall transformation pictured on the cover.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Because of COVID-19 pandemic, the Historic Home Tour, traditionally held on the third Saturday in September, had to be cancelled. The NPA Historic Home Tour is our biggest fundraiser every year and keeps NPA afloat. So, we had to come up with another way to generate some funding. We still wanted to host a community event that could be held outside and easy for social distancing. We decided to put together a Flea Market by selling donated items and have homeowners participate with a donation to the cause. With a small committee and only a month of planning and marketing, we were able to recruit 17 homeowners to participate on Clinton and Logan Streets, along with a few between; and secure several items to sell at Preservation Hall. The sales and donations created revenue of \$4,646.

After the event, a survey was sent out to the homeowners for feedback and suggestions for future flea markets. 92% of participants said that they would definitely participate again and 100% of participants in the survey said that they were satisfied with the event. We had many positive comments during the event and many requests to host this event again!

Moving forward, we would like to continue the

Flea Market as an annual spring event and keep the Historic Home Tour in September as our fall event. The Home Tour has been in place well over 30 years! The next Flea Market is planned for May 15th and the Historic Home Tour will be September 18th as long as restrictions are lifted and we feel that we can host these events in a safe manner.



Jeanette Craw

PROPOSED 2021 EVENTS

MEMORIES & DREAMS

For the last number of years, NPA has had a vibrant calendar of activities for members and for the community. We've had educational opportunities—Learning how to research your home's history, Taking an historic neighborhood walk to discover different types of architecture, Listening to a variety of speakers at Noble Stories. We've had social gatherings for fun and fellowship—Watching outdoor movies, Enjoying Shakespeare in the Park, Attending concerts at Federal Hill Park. We've joined in community activities—The annual bed race, the parades for the 4th of July and Christmas, Lights over Seminary Park. And, of course, we've sponsored the neighborhood picnic, The Holiday Home Tour, and most importantly, The Historic Home Tour.



However, the 2020 pandemic changed NPA's events and activities just as it changed everything else. While the Board continued to meet via Zoom and enthusiasm and support stayed strong, we followed protocols and didn't plan group activities. Kicking off the year with our Annual Meeting at Preservation Hall was a great success. We also planned the First NPA Flea Market which was held in September and will continue to be an annual event.

Now it's 2021 and we've turned the page!! NPA's plan is to (carefully, slowly) have a full slate of activities. Please check our website often and participate as you



feel comfortable. You'll be getting much more information about this and other future events coming soon!



Nancy Hebel

Mark your calendars for May 15th. That's the date for the Second Annual NPA Flea Market.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Although there is never a good time for a pandemic to hit, it arrived at a particularly inopportune time for NPA, as we had big plans in 2020 to bring the newly acquired Preservation Hall closer to its potential. Alas, those plans for fundraising, programming and private events will be realized at a future time. 2020 saw a significant shortfall in revenue as we couldn't hold any events at Preservation Hall and our main fundraiser had to be cancelled.

Still, our resourceful leadership stepped up with a new fundraiser, a flea market that has potential to become an annual event and raised close to \$5000. Indiana Landmarks bestowed a \$5000 grant upon us from the generous and preservation-minded Efrogmson Family Fund. Many other donors stepped up in 2020, and membership income was comparable to previous years. As a result, income was about \$16,000, roughly half of the budget. Expenses were also down significantly as we were unable to spend unrealized funds on the Preservation Hall renovation. Flea Market expenses were



Mike Corbett

minimal and home tour expenses non-existent. Our largest outlays in 2020 were a couple thousand dollars for a new website, increased insurance

costs due to owning a building, and utilities for Preservation Hall, which totaled \$2333 for the year, considerably under budget. We also spent \$1985 on a deductible and additional expenses for a new roof, which cost \$7886 and was mostly covered by insurance. With expenses adding up to a little over \$12,000 we ended up with a \$4,000 surplus in 2020, which will carry over to 2021 and be added to our resources for building renovation.

January—December 2020 Finances

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking/Savings

Bank Checking	10,602.53
Capital Fund—PH	2,860.02
CD income account	3.53
Certificate of Deposit	2,254.40

Total Current Assets 15,720.48

Fixed Assets

Buildings & Land	131,196.50
Total Fixed Assets	131,196.50

TOTAL ASSETS 146,916.98

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Long Term Liabilities

Note Payable, IN Landmarks	75,000
Total Long Term Liab.	75,000

TOTAL LIABILITIES 75,000

Equity

Opening Bal Equity	42,842.31
Retained Earnings	24,576.21
Net Income	4,498.46
Total Equity	71,916.98

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 146,916.98

NOBLE STORIES

In the late 19th century, Noblesville was the largest city in Hamilton County. The Firestone plant and Forest Park were not yet built. The high school was downtown in Seminary Park and there was no hospital. Several railroads ran through town. The city limits barely stretched a few blocks outside of the courthouse square. For our first Noble Stories program of 2020, local author and REALTOR Kurt Meyer took us on a tour of life in 1890's Noblesville with words and pictures from that era.

The second program of the year was scheduled for March 29 and featured the story of Noblesville's Carnegie library, presented by county historian David Heighway. By March the pandemic was well-established nationally and was starting to impact life locally as well, so we postponed it until July, hoping things would improve by Summer. Although we took special precautions to open the windows and guarantee social distancing, only one person showed up for that session, though it was streamed live on Facebook thanks to Jim Wafford of Hamilton County TV.



Noble Stories is our ongoing series showcasing historical eras and events, and it thrives on audience interaction. Our audience made it abundantly clear they weren't comfortable in gatherings like that during the pandemic, and state-wide restrictions on public events were being mandated by that time so we decided to take a hiatus for the rest of the year. We look forward to picking up where we left off

in 2021.

Future potential topics include the story of Robert's Settlement, Kenley's Supermarkets, McMahon's Foods, the Masonic Lodge, the Evolution of the Arts in Noblesville and many others. If you have an idea for a Noble stories presentation, please send an email with details to:

info@noblesvillepreservation.org.



HIGH SCHOOL FOOT BALL TEAM



2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MISSION: Enriching the present by honoring the past through the preservation of Noblesville's historic architecture and authentic character and charm.

VISION: Noblesville Preservation Alliance will be valued as a unifying and inspiring force in historic preservation that results in empowered, gracious living for all members of our community.

CORE VALUES

STEWARDSHIP: We believe we have been entrusted by our ancestors with the preservation of valued historic structures for future generations.

ADVOCACY: We believe it is our charge to serve our community by advocacy for preservation and protection of the resources provided to us by those who created the community.

INNOVATION: We believe in continuously striving to develop creative ways to meet evolving needs and harmoniously resolve conflicting priorities.

RESPECT: We believe we honor the intrinsic value of every individual and each historic structure by advocating for a balanced environment that recognizes the needs of all.

OPPORTUNITY: We believe that Noblesville should continue to grow and evolve without losing the hometown qualities that make it so unique and appealing.

