

**MINUTES OF THE PARK RIDGE HERITAGE COMMITTEE** meeting on Tuesday  
**February 12, 2013** at 3:45 p.m. at the Park Ridge City Hall:

Members present: Milton E. Nelson, Otto M. Kohler, Richard DuSold, Nancy Pytel, Paul Adlaf, Patricia Adlaf, Anne Lunde, Warren Wade.

Mr. Nelson, presiding, called the meeting to order. He showed three new items of Park Ridge interest to the committee. He had acquired a doll or puppet of Hillary Clinton purchased from a Wisconsin antique mall. From Madeleine Brennan's collection of Park Ridge items, he showed an architectural drawing of the 1996 Metra rail station in Park Ridge. (There is some question of whether the train is shown operating on the correct track, however.) He also showed an obituary and a photo of Don Lindstrom (1930-2013), a Park Ridge artist for many years, whose funeral was held recently at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

The Minutes from the December 11, 2012 meeting of the Heritage Committee were mailed early to all members by Mrs. Adlaf. By a motion, the Minutes of December 11 were approved as printed. The meeting dates for 2013 were also mailed to all members.

The forthcoming dedication of the restored Post Office mural "Indians Cede the Land" by George Melville Smith on February 22 and 23 was our main topic of discussion today. This is a topic the Heritage Committee has discussed for many years during fund-raising and restoration of the mural. A private unveiling ceremony, by invitation only, will be held on Friday February 22 at 7:00 p.m. The public ceremony of dedication will be held on Saturday February 23 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Richard DuSold informs us that as of today (Feb. 12), the mural is at the Library being prepared for installation on the wall. Jeff Caudill of the Park Ridge Historical Society is supervising the installation. Mr. Otto Kohler tells us that there will be two plaques installed also, one for the mural itself and one remembering the role of R. Paul Carlson in saving the mural from destruction. Mr. Kohler tells us that adequate funds for the Carlson plaque were arranged through generous donations by the friends of Mr. Carlson. Mr. and Mrs. Adlaf tell us they recently visited the restoration laboratory where the work was done, and showed us pictures of the final stages of restoration.

Mr. Paul Adlaf showed us an historic letter recently obtained by the Park Ridge Historical Society, a letter written by Z. D. Root (1843-1936) in California in 1919 to George W. Colman in Park Ridge.

Ms. Anne Lunde shared some documentation she has located about the confusion of whether it was Alfonso Iannelli of Park Ridge or Alfeo Faggi who was responsible for working with architect Barry Byrne to construct St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Chicago's Hyde Park in 1922. Apparently, according to what Ms. Lunde found, Iannelli did the exterior sculptural details, while Faggi did the interior Stations of the Cross.

Also, Ms. Lunde found a news clipping from Denver documenting the tragic death of Ruth Trout, once editor of the *Park Ridge Advocate*. She was murdered in Denver in 1999.

Ms. Lunde tells us that fund-raising continues to bring Alfonso Iannelli's sculpture of Virgin Mary to Park Ridge, saved from the former Immaculata High School in Chicago.

Mrs. Patricia Adlaf tells us she has sent the financial reports of the Heritage Committee for 2012 to Mr. Edward McCabe in Florida. Mr. McCabe will file the necessary tax forms for 2012.

Mrs. Adlaf also gave us a copy of an article by John N. Law on the Fort Dearborn Battle or Massacre of 1812.

The Kalo Foundation will host some programs on February 16, 17, and 21 in honor of the 125th anniversary of the birth of Alfonso Iannelli in 1888. Chicago historian Tim Samuelson will speak about Iannelli. An exhibit of Iannelli's work will be on display at the Kalo/Iannelli Studio throughout February.

Mr. Paul Adlaf tells us that the display window at 106 S. Main Street will feature pictures of the Dunwoodie House of Park Ridge (the Warren Wade family).

Mr. Richard DuSold tells us there will be a children's book sale at the Park Ridge Library on Sunday from noon to 3:00 p.m.

At 5:00 p.m. a motion to adjourn was approved. Our next regular meeting will be on March 12, 2013.

Submitted by,

*Milton E. Nelson*