

**Sterling-Moorman House Foundation**

**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Utility Building, 112 Anderson Rd.**

**Attending:**

Patricia Chambers  
Bettye Hull  
Venus Bratsveen  
Benjamin Burbank

Susan Beeman  
Scott Wilbanks  
Jim Bratsveen  
Ryan Weldon

Lowell Mock  
Michelle Thompson  
Heather Scholten

**1. Call to Order:**

Patricia called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the November 17, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

**3. Introductions:**

Susan introduced Benjamin Burbank and Ryan Weldon, Technical Communication majors at EWU, who will be working on a grant application on behalf of the Sterling-Moorman House as part of a class project this quarter. Ben gave an overview of the process

**4. Old Business: Adoption of Bylaws**

Susan explained that the final version of the bylaws has been emailed to the membership and suggested changes have been incorporated. There have been no substantial changes since the document was reviewed in detail at the November meeting.

Venus made a motion to adopt the bylaws as presented. Seconded by Lowell; motion carried unanimously.

**5. Old Business: Hotel-Motel Tax Fund – Grant Application**

Susan reported that a grant application to the City's hotel-motel tax fund committee was submitted in December.

## **6. New Business: Regular Meeting Date**

Patricia explained that while we have been meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, this represents a schedule conflict for several members. By consensus, the group agreed to establish our regular meeting date as the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

## **7. New Business: Membership & Fundraising**

Patricia reported on membership & fundraising ideas, and the presentation was followed by a brainstorming session:

- Continuation of the series of newspaper articles titled, "The Walls are Talking"
- Could contact the Free Press to see if they would run a monthly house project update, small in size, but utilizing the Gothic window logo
- Make a public call for oral histories, artifacts that relate to the house and its occupants
- Hold an open house in late spring to allow the public in to see the house; provide 'goodie bags' with bookmarks, info
- Keep a scrapbook of news clippings
- Become a speakers' bureau in order to raise visibility in the community
- Provide info to Visitor's Center & Chamber of Commerce
- National Trust for Historic Preservation – convention in Spokane in late October 2012
- Interact with other history & preservation groups (*The Westerners, Spokane Preservation Advocates*)
- Host a historic homes tour (Heather volunteered to open her home for us!)

Discussion continued on how to go from ideas to reality. The following tasks were identified for completion in the next month:

- Develop a membership form/brochure (Heather)
- Identify contact points for Kiwanis, Rotary & Masons; speak to the Mayor (Patty)
- Poster board (Venus)
- Call for artifacts & oral histories; possible History Day tie-in? (Michelle)
- Develop a mail-in postcard: "Do you remember this house? Mail in your memory..." (Bettye; Heather has card stock, & Susan has access to a commercial paper cutter)
- Start developing a program to offer to community groups (Lowell & Scott)
- Get \$ balance of donated funds available for Spring work (Susan)

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 23, 5:30 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:32 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

Susan Beeman  
Secretary