

Sterling-Moorman House Foundation

Thursday, February 23, 2012 5:30 p.m. Utility Building, 112 Anderson Rd.

Attending:

Patricia Chambers
Bettye Hull
Venus Bratsveen
Libby Butterfield
Fred Pollard

Susan Beeman
Scott Wilbanks
April Ridgeway

Lowell Mock
Michelle Thompson
Heather Scholten
Charlie Mutschler

1. Call to Order:

Patricia called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and announced that it is official: The Sterling-Moorman House Foundation of Cheney is an incorporated entity in the State of Washington. She distributed glow bracelets and announced that it is 'our time to shine!'

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the January 26, 2012 meeting were approved with a correction to the spelling of Patti's name.

3. Membership: Membership dues are \$5 per year, and are now due.

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

Susan reported that our grant application to the City's hotel-motel tax fund committee was not funded this year.

5. Old Business: Committee Reports & Assignments

- Heather shared copies of the completed brochure describing the Foundation and the Sterling-Moorman House Project
- Patricia has contacted the Kiwanis, Rotary and Masons, and met with Councilman Pollard. She will be contacting the Cheney Merchants' Association.
- Venus is working on the display board, and needs a panoramic-view photo from the interior of the house; Heather offered the use of her digital camera
- Bettye and Patti will be opening a bank account on behalf of the Sterling-Moorman House Foundation next week.
- Michelle shared copies of the postcard which will be used to solicit stories on the history of the house and associated families. Decided to increase the size of the postcard to

4x6" and make some minor edits. Bettye has a 'postage here' rubber stamp which can be used to show stamp placement. Susan will contact a friend who may be able to help us fabricate display boxes for the postcards.

- Postcard display follow-up:
 - Scott: Senior Center; Cheney Care Center/Assisted Living
 - Venus: Willow Springs Restaurant, Blackhawk Vet
 - Susan: City Hall, Cheney Historical Museum, Library
 - Bettye: Hair Express, Dental Offices, Physical Therapy Offices
 - Libby: Owl Pharmacy
 - Michelle: EWU History Department
 - Lowell: Dr. Holleman, Farmers & Merchants Center, Copy Junction
- Lowell has an outline for his education program which will focus on the architectural style of the house; he will present the program at next month's meeting.
- Scott is working on the education program which will emphasize the local history connected with the house; he will also present at next month's meeting.

Discussion continued on how to emphasize the education mission of the Foundation. Fred suggested that we attempt to make quarterly presentations to the City Council and School Board. Future actions could include using high school student interns, allowing them to earn community service points.

7. New Business: Grant Application Update

April Ridgeway explained that she is one of 6 graduate students working on the grant application project that was introduced at last month's meeting. They have identified a grant opportunity from the Inland Northwest Community Center which aligns very well with the Sterling-Moorman House Foundation's priorities, and the group is finalizing a grant application this week. She shared draft copies of the submission materials, and requested that comments be directed to her within the next couple of days to allow for incorporation into the final version. Patti thanked the students for their excellent work on the project.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 29, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Beeman
Secretary