

## **Sterling-Moorman House Foundation**

**Thursday, September 27, 2012 5:30 p.m. Utility Building, 112 Anderson Rd.**

### **Attending:**

Scott Wilbanks  
Susan Beeman

Lowell Mock  
Bettye Hull

Patricia Chambers

### **1. Call to Order:**

Patti called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

### **2. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the August 23, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **3. Treasurer's Report:**

Bettye reported that we received \$205 in donations between the *Music of Mullan Road* program and the work day last Saturday, and we now have a balance of \$433.

### **4. Old Business: Music of Mullan Road Recap**

Discussion on the education program held last week at the Cheney Public Library. We had a good turnout, and the program format worked well for us (refreshments were really a nice touch.) Patti had some ideas about incorporating more local history in the program, and tightening up the presentation to keep it to about an hour. Bettye suggested that we add a slide at the beginning which includes a photograph of the Sterling-Moorman House and the language 'Sterling-Moorman House Foundation presents.' The

After discussion, the consensus was that the program worked well in its present format, but Patti will work on developing a follow-up program emphasizing local history and some of the material from the Andrew Stultz Chambers memoir.

### **5. Old Business: October Fundraiser Project – Cider Pressing**

Discussion was held on the concept of a fundraising activity which would invite participants to travel to a local u-pick apple orchard to buy apples and press them into cider. Timing of the project was an issue; some varieties of apples are ready right now, and others will be ripening within the next couple of weeks. We have two more Saturday work days at the house, and don't want to over-book. We probably cannot take orders for cider or sell it directly without

involving the Health District and needing permits. Discussion continued on various approaches that might allow us to coordinate an program that would be reminiscent of old-time harvest activities, allow us to raise a significant amount of funds for the house project, and would benefit the orchard owners by increasing their sales. Patti and Susan will investigate and communicate with the SMHF Board via email for a decision on whether we can pull together a program in October.

## **6. Old Business: Construction Progress Report**

We had 53 volunteers last Saturday from the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward of the Cheney Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and made good progress on porch repairs and the front steps. The volunteers will meet again this Saturday to pour the concrete landing pad at the base of the stairs, and we will have one more Saturday work day this fall to finish the steps.

Materials were funded by donations that have been made to the Sterling-Moorman House Fund at the City of Cheney, and in part, by a matching grant from the Spokane Preservation Advocates. Jarms Hardware donated the first \$100 worth of materials, and gave us the rest of the lumber at their cost.

Lowell will pick up the remainder of our lumber order at Jarms and deliver it to the house on Saturday.

## **7. New Business: Volunteer Recognition**

Patti may have the ability to get a laminated poster made to hang on the front porch acknowledging donors for the porch repairs; she will coordinate with Susan on language. It was decided to make our annual volunteer recognition a part of the annual meeting in March. Scott has been documenting the volunteer work crews and will work with Susan to get copies of the photos delivered to Carl Mount and the Cheney Free Press.

## **8. Other Business: Financial/Grant Opportunities**

Susan asked for a sub-committee to work with her on the Valerie Sivinski grant application from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. Bettye & Patti offered to help with the application, which is due by October 15.

Bettye will look into our obligations for receiving tax-deductible donations to the Foundation and issuing year-end receipts. We have received the donation of a vintage couch and chair from Bob McClure, and a substantial financial donation from Lelia Smith. Patti said that she has purchased a literature rack from to the store-closing sale at Ben Franklin to be used for displays at the house.

### **9. New Business: Possible Activity for Rodeo Weekend 2013**

Bettye shared photos of a kids' activity that was very popular at the Southeast Spokane County Fair last weekend at Rockford. It involved letting kids be sealed inside large plastic bubbles and rolling around in a play area covered with water. They were charging \$5 for 5 minutes of play time, and there was a long waiting line to participate. The vendors, based in Bonners Ferry, would be willing to bring the activity to Cheney if we can work out a plan for using this as a fundraising activity in conjunction with Rodeo Weekend and the Jubilee next year.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 25, 5:30 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:50 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

Susan Beeman  
Secretary