

Sterling-Moorman House Foundation

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

Attending:

Venus Bratsveen
Scott Wilbanks

Bettye Hull
Susan Beeman

Heather Scholten

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the September 27, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Bettye reported that we received two more memberships and a donation of \$100. We now have a balance of \$643.

4. Old Business: IRS Requirements

Bettye reported that she has begun investigating what is needed for our application to the IRS for a non-profit determination letter. The application itself is quite lengthy – about 26 pages. The application fee will be \$850. It would be important to have the IRS determination before we accept donations for which the donors will request a receipt for tax purposes. Susan suggested that we wait until hearing from the Washington Trust

5. Old Business: Construction Progress Report

Susan reported that repairs on the porch and reconstruction of the front steps are close to complete. We are waiting for some materials to be milled to match the original porch decking. Our next work day at the house will be Saturday, November 10, from 9 to noon.

6. New Business: Alday Neal

Scott reported on some additional findings on Alday Neal, the Rockford resident who was lynched in 1882. (Connection to the Sterling-Moorman House: The only known reward poster for those responsible was found in a newspaper used for insulation on the 2nd floor of the

house.) Scott now has two contemporary accounts which describe Alday as a 'ne'er do well', and two later reports which cast blame on the young man's uncle, who was believed to have stolen livestock and framed his nephew. All reports are agreed on the subsequent grisly deaths of all the members of the lynch mob. Discussion continued on ways to approach additional research, and how to create an educational program based on the findings.

7. Advertising in Cheney Historical Museum Cookbook

We have an opportunity to support the Southwest Spokane County Historical Museum's fundraiser by purchasing advertising space in their cookbook. After discussion, it was agreed that Venus and Heather will work together on a ½ page ad which includes our logo and web site address. (Thanks to Venus for her offer to donate the advertising cost!)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 28, 5:30 p.m. (NOTE change from our regular 4th Thursday meeting date, which falls on Thanksgiving this year!)

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Beeman
Secretary