

Sterling-Moorman House Foundation

Thursday, February 28, 2013 5:30 p.m. Utility Building, 112 Anderson Rd.

Attending:

Fred Pollard
Lowell Mock
Patricia Chambers
Venus Bratsveen

Gail Pollard
Heather Scholten
Charlie Mutschler
Michelle Thompson

Richard Donley
Bettye Hull
Scott Wilbanks
Susan Beeman

1. Call to Order: Patti called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November 28, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

3. Treasurer's Report: Bettye reported that our bank balance stands at \$908. Annual membership dues of \$5 per person are now due.

4. Old Business: Application for IRS Determination

Venus reported that the application is nearly finished; she and Susan have been working on it. We appear to qualify for a reduced processing fee of \$400.

5. Old Business: Social Media Report

Heather reported that our Facebook page received two comments last week from descendants of James & Cleora Moorman. She has been in touch with these people, and they have family members who are looking for photos of the house and residents. One, a 95-year old woman who grew up in the house, is interested in visiting.

6. Old Business: Grant Awards Update

Susan reported that we have been awarded \$800 by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, to be used for painting the building exterior, and for replacement of the millwork on the interior stairs. This is a 1:1 matching grant, so we will need to accumulate additional dollars to fund the entire project, and then we will receive reimbursement for up to \$800. The porch repairs were funded, in part, with a grant from Spokane Preservation Advocates which was awarded to the City of Cheney. Susan reported that the unexpended portion of that grant

has been recalled. The Foundation will be able to apply for funding during the next application cycle, which closes in April.

7. New Business: Donor Sign

Patti displayed the sign she created to acknowledge donors for the porch repair project (Jarms Hardware, the Cheney First Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and Spokane Preservation Advocates), and asked for assistance in application of the laminating material at the end of the meeting. After discussion, it was decided to hang the sign at our next work day, when the stairs go in.

8. New Business: 2013 Annual Membership Meeting

The adopted bylaws were reviewed to determine how to proceed with elections and the 2013 annual membership meeting. Since the Foundation was incorporated in December 2011 and the bylaws adopted in early 2012, it was agreed that the 2-year terms of the initial directors will not expire until 2014, and the 2-year terms of current officers will not expire until 2014. Elections will be held beginning in 2014, with the election of the president and secretary to be held in odd-numbered years, and election of vice president and treasurer to be held in even-numbered years.

The board currently consists of 8 members, and the bylaws call for staggering board terms to allow for election/re-election of half the board each year. It was decided to accept nominations for additional board members at the March 28 meeting, to expand the board up to the maximum number of members allowed under the bylaws (13).

Heather offered to host the membership meeting at her home, 206 N. 4th Street. The format will be an appetizer potluck, beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 28.

9. Construction Progress Report

Susan reported that completion of the front stairs and porch decking will be scheduled for sometime in the next month. We are just waiting for the weather to improve so we are able to get a finish on the porch as soon as the new decking is applied. The Washington Trust grant will enable us to purchase supplies and organize volunteers to prep and repaint the exterior of the house this spring and summer.

Michelle and Venus offered to research appropriate historic paint colors. Lowell will contact Jarms Hardware to see if we might be able to pick up the paint at a discount during the store's transition from being a True Value store to an Ace Hardware. Susan commented that Ernie

Robeson's preservation plan has a section which addresses paint colors which will be a good reference document.

10. Other Business

Patti reported that she acquired some materials from the National Trust for Historic Preservation that she would like to share with the board starting at the April meeting.

Bettye shared a name and phone number gathered from one of the 'Do You Remember This House?' boxes that were placed around the community last spring and summer, and asked if someone would be willing to follow up and interview this person. Gail Pollard offered to contact the person and report back. Discussion followed on the need for a House Historian position.

Heather suggested a possible SMHF-sponsored activity to be held during the Cheney Jubilee. She is part of a group of vintage travel trailer enthusiasts, and proposed that a collection of these 'historic traveling homes' could be located near the Jubilee site, much like the Corvette Club exhibited at the Jubilee last year. Susan will forward Jubilee organizer information to Heather to follow up.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. – **Location change:** 206 N. 4th Street.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Beeman
Secretary