

Sterling-Moorman House Foundation

Thursday, May 30, 2013 5:30 p.m.

Attending:

Patricia Chambers
Fred Pollard
Venus Bratsveen

Scott Wilbanks
Gail Pollard
Bettye Hull

Lowell Mock
Michelle Thompson
Susan Beeman

1. Call to Order: Patti called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 25, 2013 meeting were approved with a correction to show that Venus did not help with setup at the Mayfest booth because she took the late shift in the booth.

3. Treasurer's Report: Venus reported that the Mayfest booth netted \$182.35. Bettye reported that our bank balance is \$583.00. It was agreed that we will send \$20 to Relay for Life, as Mayfest was designated as a fundraiser for that cause, and the Mayfest organizers requested that a percentage of our proceeds be donated.

Susan explained that there was an expense of \$48.81 incurred at Jarms Hardware during the last work day at the house, and asked if the Board was willing to cover that expense, since the City of Cheney had not budgeted anything for the Sterling-Moorman House project this year. After discussion, payment of the expense was approved.

4. Old Business: Mayfest Debrief – Saturday, May 11

Discussion was held on the Mayfest booth and ways to improve our presentation in the future:

- Cotton candy was a hit, and we were the only cotton candy vendor.
- Location was good.
- There was a little confusion on the individual/family membership prices (\$5 and \$20).
- Biggest drawback to storytelling was waiting for the hour... Maybe a more flexible schedule? Next time – see if we can schedule stage time for the storytelling. Patti has about 18 short pioneer stories prepared
- For hot weather booth (like Jubilee/Rodeo Weekend) – Fred suggested offering a free bottle of cold water with membership.
- Gail suggested ordering a vinyl banner with the SMHF name & logo to hang on the table front. We had one of these but it was stolen off the front of the house last fall. Lowell made a motion to replace the banner in time for Cheney Jubilee/Rodeo Weekend (2nd weekend in July). Seconded by Susan; motion carried unanimously.

- Bettye suggested that a future educational program could include a first-person characterization of Teddy Roosevelt, or a Civil War figure.
- Fred suggested getting a group of SMHF supporters to walk in the Rodeo Parade in historic costumes.

5. Other Business: House Update

Discussion was held on the purchase of additional decking material needed to complete the front porch repairs. It is estimated to cost about \$100 for the straight-grain fir. Lowell offered to plane & mill the boards for us, rather than incurring the expense of having Windsor Plywood make them. By consensus, the board approved the expense for additional decking materials; Lowell will handle acquisition.

The board also approved purchase of a \$25 gift certificate from the Mason Jar as a thank you to Carl Mount, who has spearheaded the porch and stairs projects. Bettye will pick up the gift certificate.

6. New Business: Monthly Newsletter

Susan suggested developing a monthly newsletter to help build support for the SMH project. Content might include a regular update on the construction project; historic research; a recipe for something that might have been served in the house; a 'call to action' – letting people know of materials needed, volunteer opportunities, etc.

7. Other Business:

Discussion continued on making better use of our Facebook page. Gail suggested that her daughter, Marianne, may be willing to help keep the page fresh and post new info. We will get Marianne in touch with Heather to coordinate.

Venus offered to donate 50% of the value of a 1920s antique bedroom set to the Sterling-Moorman House Foundation as a summer fundraiser, to coincide with Cheney Jubilee/Rodeo Weekend. Discussion continued on using a raffle format, or if a silent auction would be more effective. It was decided that the silent auction would be best in order to guarantee a minimum selling price. Fred will check with local businesses to see if we might place the auction display for a couple of weeks prior to Jubilee.

Susan will confirm that we have a table for Jubilee, and will check on whether there is a problem with us selling cotton candy as a fundraiser. Gail offered to put together a small raffle basket, and Susan will also prepare a raffle basket. Final details to be confirmed at the June meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 26, 5:30 p.m., Utility Building, 112 Anderson Road.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Beeman
Secretary