

## **Sterling-Moorman House Foundation**

**Thursday, July 31, 2013 5:30 p.m.**

### **Attending:**

Venus Bratsveen

Lowell Mock

Susan Beeman

Patricia Chambers

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

**2. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the June 26, 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** No report.

### **4. Old Business: Cheney Jubilee Report**

We took in roughly \$200 in donations and proceeds from the raffle and cotton candy sales. Susan reported that our location was better than in previous years, and the weather was milder. We sold 50 tickets for the BBQ basket, 25 tickets for the tea basket, and 20 for the coffee break basket. Venus reported that we did not receive any bids for the vintage bedroom set, but her boss at the Free Press has offered to run an ad for us once we set up something on our web site to accept bids. She will work with Heather on auction logistics.

### **5. Old Business: Newsletter Report**

Venus and Michelle put together the first issue of the SMHF newsletter. Susan is transitioning our email list to a company called Vertical Response which will manage out email contacts. There is no cost for non-profits to use the VR email service until we exceed 10,000 emails per month.

### **6. House History Update**

Venus reported on meeting with Annabel McLean, the youngest daughter of James & Cleora Moorman. Annabel lived in the house as a teen and while she attended the Normal School, and she gave us quite a bit of information on how the house was furnished and decorated during the time the Moormans resided there. We were able to record the conversation, and will be transcribing it in order to share with the rest of the group.

Lowell will be in Chelan during the weekend of August 9-10, and will attempt to speak to Annabel again with some follow-up questions.

### **7. Summer/Fall Work Plan: Porch, Painting & Winter Prep**

Venus provided several palettes of paint colors for consideration. She explained that her research, along with Ernie Robeson's recommendations and Annabel McLean's recollections, indicate that the original house color would have been white-on-white, but she is recommending adding some very pale accent colors in order to accentuate some of the distinctive characteristics of the house. Using a soft gray or blue or green on the porch will help to hide footprints. Discussion followed, and it was agreed that a final color palette will be chosen at next month's meeting.

Lowell will look into locating scaffolding to use while prepping and painting the house. Susan will check on using a pressure washer owned by the City. The remainder of the porch decking needs to be installed, which will require lifting the front corner of the porch in order to slide the decking under the post. Pressure washing & scraping loose paint can begin as soon as the porch repairs are completed. Work days at the house were set for Saturday, August 10, August 17 and August 24.

**Next Meeting:** Special meeting on **Wednesday, August 14**, 5:30 p.m., Utility Building, 112 Anderson Road, to finalize arrangements for upcoming Work Days and choose paint colors.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:48 p.m.

**Submitted by:**  
Susan Beeman  
Secretary