

Sterling-Moorman House Foundation

Wednesday, October 30, 2013 5:30 p.m.

Attending:

Venus Bratsveen
Susan Beeman

Lowell Mock
Bettye Hull

Scott Wilbanks

1. Call to Order: Venus called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the July 31 and August 28, 2013 regular meetings, and the August 14, 2013 special meeting, were approved as distributed. Discussion on whether Wednesday or Thursday is a better night for our regular monthly meetings; Susan will send out a survey to the Foundation membership to try to determine what is best for the majority.

3. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance stands at \$61.49 after purchase of paint for \$686.72, and reimbursement to Carl Mount for lumber and screws at \$104.80. Additional materials for the paint & porch project totaling \$371.42 have been purchased by SMHF Board members who are willing to wait for reimbursement until additional funds come in. Discussion on the balance of the porch/railing project. In order to receive the maximum under the Washington Trust grant, we can spend up to an additional \$388.25 in completing the interior millwork. Susan will check on the deadline for submitting our reimbursement request.

4. Old Business: Update on Porch & Painting Project

Susan reported that the exterior of the house was painted with assistance from Rick Engel and Harold McCandless of the Parks Department, and Jim Bratsveen, who donated an afternoon last week. Members of the Cheney Light Department line crew were allowed to use City equipment (bucket trucks) to help with masking 2nd floor windows and painting the highest portions of the house. Jim & Venus Bratsveen have continued to work on painting the trim and accent colors this week. We still need to recondition the screen door, and add grippable handrails to the exterior stairs.

Lowell will look into the cost of an appropriate newel post and railing for the interior stairs. He indicated that he might have contacts who could help to fabricate the needed post and railing.

4. New Business: Membership Dues for 2014

Discussion was held on the need to increase our capacity for operating funds in order to continue to leverage grants with matching dollars. The balance to that is that we do not want

to make the membership cost out of reach for an average working-class family. After discussion, it was agreed to set membership dues for 2014 as follows:

- Individual membership: \$10/year
- Family membership: \$20/year
- Corporate membership: \$50/year

Susan will draft a letter to send with membership renewal notices which highlights our accomplishments for 2013. Scott will obtain photos of the latest work at the house to use with the notices. Venus will contact the IRS to see if there has been action on our non-profit determination which was submitted in April. Bettye will set up on-line banking, and try to establish an ability for us to accept donations on the website via PayPal; Susan will contact Heather to see if she can assist on the website end.

5. Other Business:

Discussion on preparing an educational program to be offered in February or March 2014. Possible subjects: Music of Mullan Road sequel; hat show with Mrs. Widman. To be considered again at our November meeting.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, November 20**, 5:30 p.m., Utility Building, 112 Anderson Road.

Future Events: We have held a holiday party in place of our December meeting the last couple of years. It was decided to skip the December meeting, and plan a Winter Social for mid-January, possibly January 17 (Friday) or 18 (Saturday). (Susan will add to the meeting date survey.)

Annual Membership Meeting: March 2014 – will include election of officers (president & secretary positions are up for renewal as it is an even-numbered year; vice president & treasurer positions are elected in odd-numbered years).

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Beeman
Secretary