

Sterling-Moorman House Foundation – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2014 5:30 p.m.

Attending:

Venus Bratsveen
Anie Woods

Patti Chambers
Susan Beeman

Lowell Mock

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

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of July 9, 2014 were approved as distributed.

3. Treasurer's Report: Susan reported that our bank balance is approximately \$720. Lowell has presented materials invoices totaling approximately \$35. Patti made a motion to reimburse Lowell for expenses related to the chimney rebuild, and screen door reconditioning. Seconded by Susan, and motion carried unanimously.

Susan explained that we have a membership renewal notice from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, which makes available grant funds to member organizations. Dues are \$75 per year. Venus made a motion to approve payment of the dues for 2015; seconded by Lowell, and carried unanimously.

Susan will provide invoices to Bettye so she can have checks prepared.

4. Old Business:

Susan reported that the IRS issued a 'Determination Letter' in August, which means that donations to the Sterling-Moorman House Foundation are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The process took approximately 17 months from the time our application was submitted. Rejoicing ensued!

5. New Business: Eagle Scout Project – Front Retaining Wall

Susan reported that we have been approached by Isaac Powells, an Eagle Scout candidate, who offered to coordinate a project to build the short retaining wall across the front of the house. We need to have less than 40" from the porch to ground level. Lowell will work with Susan and Isaac to determine the specific size and design, and to help estimate materials needs.

Discussion continued on whether it would be possible to extend the sprinkler system that serves the rear portion of the lot. Susan will talk with Rick Engle about that possibility.

We still need 'grippable handrails' along the front stairs to complete the front porch. Susan will contact Justin Miller regarding the estimate for creating handrails that would attach to the present wood rail configuration.

6. New Business: Reprise of *The Music of Mullan Road*

Discussion on how to fulfill the 'history education' portion of our mission by presenting a second showing of our successful *Music of Mullan Road* program. Can we find a larger venue than the library meeting room? Possibly one with a built-in sound system? Discussion on possible dates in November, and on promotion avenues. Susan will look into facilities and report back.

7. Regular Meeting Time

Discussion on the most convenient time for our monthly meetings, and decided to try for the 4th Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 , 5:30 p.m., Utility Building, 112 Anderson Road.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Beeman
Secretary