

Sterling-Moorman House Committee

Thursday, October 13, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Utility Building, 112 Anderson Rd.

Attending:

Patricia Chambers
Michelle Thompson

Lowell Mock
Susan Beeman

Venus Bratsveen

1. Call to Order:

Patricia called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

3. Old Business: Vision Statement Development

Lowell mentioned that he had concerns that the language in the vision statement leaned too heavily on the 'living history' aspect of the house. Discussion followed, with the consensus of the group being that the vision statement could also be amended as the vision becomes more clearly defined.

4. Old Business: Other

The banner on the front of the house is slightly wrinkled and needs to be re-tied. Lowell offered to make an adjustment to minimize the wrinkling.

5. New Business: Imprinted Items

Patricia has donated some logo-imprinted items to be given to volunteers who have worked on the house, and possibly to be sold as a fundraiser to acquire some working capital for the committee. Some of these were distributed at the volunteer recognition night on September 22, but there are some items remaining. After discussion, prices were established as follows:

Pens - \$2 each

Caps - \$20 each

Tote bags - \$8 each

Susan will look into the possibility of having a table at the Holiday Craft Fair. Discussion continued on other items that might be suitable for fundraising.

6. New Business: Committee Bylaws

Susan explained that we have a basic template for bylaws for a non-profit organization, and we have obtained copies of bylaws from a couple of organizations with a similar mission, including the Spokane Preservation Advocates. She offered a preliminary document for consideration.

The committee reviewed the purpose section of the draft bylaws, and discussion followed on how the membership structure, voting, and board of directors sections should be developed. It was generally agreed that decision-making authority should reside with the board of directors, rather than with the total membership, and that the board should consist of 7 to 13 members. It was generally agreed that we do not want to require a fee for membership or participation in the committee.

It was agreed that the discussion on bylaws should be resumed at the next meeting.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, October 27, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the Cheney Public Library.

Thursday, November 17, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the Cheney Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Beeman
Acting Secretary