

## **Sterling-Moorman House Committee**

**Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:30 p.m. Cheney Public Library, 610 1<sup>st</sup> St.**

### **Attending:**

Patricia Chambers  
Bettye Hull

Susan Beeman  
Ann-Jeannette Dickson

Lowell Mock

### **1. Call to Order:**

Patricia called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

### **2. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the October 27, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **3. Old Business: Draft Bylaws**

Susan explained that the city attorney has reviewed our draft bylaws and has made some changes in order to conform with Washington State law and customary practice. His changes are shown in purple on the latest draft document. None of those are changes of substance. After review, it was decided to delay adoption of the bylaws to allow additional consideration. The following questions remain:

- The name of the organization: Does 'Foundation' infer too much of a financial stake? Do we exist solely to provide financial backing for the house, and would inclusion of this term imply a more distant relationship with our membership than we have envisioned? Discussion on whether we are more a 'Foundation,' a 'Society' or an 'Association.'
- In Article VI, Section 2: Do we need to clarify that the Past President has voting privileges, as that is the intent of this group? Susan will research and report back.
- In Article IX, Section 2, the city attorney added language which states, "The Board of Directors shall establish a Nominating Committee." It was felt that at this time, we prefer to establish nominations through the work of the entire board. Can we change 'shall' to 'may' without any negative effects? Susan will relay that question to the city attorney.

The remainder of the bylaws, as revised, were generally accepted as satisfactory, pending review and comments from board members who were unable to attend tonight's meeting because of illness, travel or conflicting appointments.

The latest revision of the bylaws document, showing modifications as discussed, is attached to the minutes and incorporated by reference as a record of the meeting.

#### **4. New Business: Hotel-Motel Tax Fund – Grant Application**

Susan reported that the City of Cheney's hotel-motel tax fund grant applications will be accepted between December 1 and December 15, and distributed an early draft of the grant application.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, December 8, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the Hull residence, 307 A Street (short business meeting – if needed -- and holiday party potluck).

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:40 p.m.

#### **Submitted by:**

Susan Beeman  
Acting Secretary