

June 13, 2006 - 108 S. Montana (Toni Seccomb)

In attendance: Carrie Kiely, Max Detjens, Dick Gibson, Justine Conlan, Erick Vines, Toni Seccomb, Larry Smith, Bob Benson, Mitzi Rossillon, Robert Edwards.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: No review of the May minutes, since Carrie forgot to bring copies. Members were urged to check the CPR website to review the minutes and submit comments.

Treasurer's Report: Mitzi reported on income and outgo and concluded that CPR had a balance of \$5,400 with one bill from the Stained Glass Tour outstanding.

Dust to Dazzle: Bob brought posters and said that all the tickets were printed. Advertising is running but there is still a need for more volunteers to staff the houses as well as the tea. He thought CPR should have a table/booth at the tea, as well. A suggestion was made to sell tickets at the Farmer's Market. Discussion followed and the idea was dropped because of the difficulty in staffing the table. Other contact ideas were discussed, but none were adopted. Mitzi said she needs more volunteers to staff the Virginia Apts., at least 12. Mitzi also suggested advertising the brick workshop and having several copies of the Stained Glass Tour booklet at Dust to Dazzle, perhaps at the table/booth that Bob suggested.

Justine gave a report on the advertising campaign. She said that KXLF had created a 30-second spot that will run at random over the next two weeks. Bob gave it a positive review. The Freedom Fest publisher is also doing some advertising; it'll be associated with the July 4th insert. Lively Times will also have an advertisement as well as the Independent Record. Larry suggested advertising with KUFM in Missoula. Bob said the tea will be from 2 - 6 pm with desserts donated by the Uptown Cafe. He's looking for an organist.

Justine needs some pictures for her upcoming interview with KXLF on Thursday. Dick thought that some on the website would work. The owner of All About Lights asked if she could sell tickets for us! No discussion needed on that one.

Pamphlets: No report.

Workshops: Larry talked to some Park Service folks in Denver about some assistance with workshop expertise and will meet with Mark Reavis and Glen Bodish to see if they have any ideas about how to work with them. Nacadoches Center has a great program for training in historic preservation. Larry was also interested in local contacts - Ft. Laramie and Yellowstone. No date set yet for the brick workshop - but Larry was considering sometime in July. Dick mentioned that the brick workshop link gets the most hits on the website. Dick brought up some website use statistics. He said the most hits come from people querying for historic buildings for sale, and interested parties have queried from CA, MA, Canada, England and India! Discussion then shifted to selling workshop pamphlets. Dick brought up the possibility of using PayPal services. Further discussion on the benefits of hosting the workshops, that they're very good PR and attendance is often very high. He said the window workshop generated quite a bit of interest.

Ordinance and Oversight: The historic preservation ordinance is still in draft form and the historical commission still hasn't received the next draft. It appears to be hanging in the public health dept. Mark Reavis thought that the "deplorable" grants made by the URA lately might not have been made if the ordinance was in place. Robert thought that perhaps CPR should write a letter to Ed Staack, discussing some alternatives and maybe giving him some incentive not to clad his building with vinyl siding. Robert did talk Ed into donating his fire doors (good job, Robert!).

Community Enrichment Committee: A new building class (Class 0) is being considered for addition

to the BSB building classification policy statement. It would not require Historic Preservation Commission input prior to taking action. The proposal is available for review by the commission and others interested in historic preservation. Mitzi will draft a response for CPR, stating a preference for HPC notification within 3 working days of Class 0 designation by the BSB building classification committee.

HIP grants: Committee met last week to go over the proposals and Larry gave a summary of the awards. The top proposal came from Park St. Baptist Church, they need to cap their parapet. They would like to use copper or copper-colored metal. CPR encouraged them to match the masonry and intact metal materials. Another grant was made to Phyllis Hargreave who's re-doing her house on Lewisohn. It's hoped that her work will inspire her neighbors (!). The total awards package came in at \$3,000. A vote was taken to go ahead with the amount and do some serious fundraising - the motion passed. Larry was very pleased with the quality of all the proposals.

Salvage: Larry reported getting a lot done during the recent cleanup - he sold some windows! Mitzi asked Larry to make a sign for Dust to Dazzle. She was interested in some advertising for donated materials.

Montana Preservation Alliance: is meeting in Deer Lodge in July. Dick said he has a link to them on the website.

501 c.3 Larry needs a few things.

NEW BUSINESS

Dick said that he contacted Old Butte Historical Adventures and they're interested in co-hosting next year's Stained Glass Tour.

Mitzi asked Dick for a Montana Cultural Trust report. Dick had nothing new to report.

Eric brought up the free house next to Front Street Market. The owners are expanding their store, so they want the space. If anyone will pay to move the house off the lot, they can have it. Larry wanted to know what sort of salvage opportunities existed, in the event that no one takes the house.

Dick thought the Montana Cultural Trust would be very interested in any "before" and "after" photos of the Dust to Dazzle homes.

Robert asked about "thank you" notes for folks around town who do good preservation work. The attending members all liked the idea.