

# *January 9, 2007: Josh Yarrington, 845 W. Granite*

**Members in Attendance:** Dick Gibson, Irene Scheidecker, Mitzi Rossillon, Kelly Rose, Larry Smith, Sue Lewis, Scott Lewis, Bryan Woodford, Erick & Justine Vines, Robert "Bob" Walker, Josh Yarrington, Robert Edwards, Cindi Shaw, Sharon Amundson, Nicole VonGaza, Beth Yost, Carrie Kiely

**Treasurer's Report:** approx \$9000. at the beginning of 2006 and \$13,000. at the end of the year. Other statistics: dues were up by 50%, donations up by 50%, Dust to Dazzle up by 50%, interest up by 50%. Only \$500 was given away in HIP grants in 2006.

## **Education Committee:**

1. Pamphlet on Historic design - Nicole is working on this - May deadline

### **2007 events:**

2. **Stained Glass Tour** - This year's tour will focus on the central churches that are within an easy walk of each other. Tour groups will meet at a beginning location and be accompanied by one or two tour guides to all the churches on the route. Dick, Nicole and Irene volunteered to head the tour committee.

3. **Brick Workshop**- tentatively set for July

4. **Hot Water systems Workshop** - This new addition to our workshops would provide information on heating systems, hopefully with an old-time plumber to help with presentation. Moving a radiator, reactivating a system, steam vs. hot water, etc would all be addressed. Bob Walker, Robert, Larry, and Irene agreed to work on planning this workshop, tentatively set for September. (It was mentioned that Butch Bowen is a person who has split old radiators.)

5. **Dust to Dazzle - June 30.** Committee consists of Justine, Kelly, Mitzi, and Josh. Several possible houses were mentioned as possibilities for this year's tour: Barb and Denny Dutton's house, Trudy's house in the 500 block of Caledonia. Bob will be in charge of the tea again. The committee will meet Monday, January 22 at Mitzi's house.

## **HIP Grants**

Committee so far is Larry and Kelly. The committee will start publicizing before the May deadline. It was requested that the committee clarify "how many trips to the well" for previous recipients of grants.

## **Butte Restoration Alliance**

This committee of 32 people will make recommendations regarding the ARCO settlement money to the tune of \$15 million. Dick, Larry, and Julie Crowley of Butte CPR are all on this committee. Cindy McIlveen of the Planning Dept is the point person for the committee. The committee is charged with brainstorming how the money can best be spent to benefit the committee; public vs. private, low-interest loans, etc. The Council of Commissioners will make final decisions.

## **Salvage**

Salvage in the Grand Hotel has to be moved. Larry will send out a call for help sometime soon. Larry also mentioned a call from someone willing to donate a double concrete sink. Pallets and a pallet mover. Mitzi would like to put an ad in the paper and/or prepare pamphlets that say something to the effect of "Don't take it out... But if you do, call us..."

**Longfellow School** - An unofficial source said that no plans have been made. Kelly will try to find out.

## **Dumas**

- Robert shoveled the roof , and will try to keep the roof cleaned off until we get 2 or 3 warm days to get the roof patched. Mitzi's idea - to pay the back taxes. Tax title services could be used to find out about liens on the property. Someone stated that there is no lien that property notification won't solve, e.g. by advertising for 30 days, although the IRS has a longer review period. Larry suggested that someone present the Dumas problem to the county at the Community Enrichment committee meeting on the 18th of January. Dick moved that the Board should meet and decide on this issue before the general CPR meeting on Feb 13th.

## **Board Meeting**

- was set for Monday February 5th at Irene's house at 7 PM.

## **Commissioner Cindi Shaw**

- Cindi is on the Judiciary Committee, which is handling the proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance. She said there is some hysteria because of the Central Butte area being added to the Historical District. The Judiciary Committee meets at 7 PM on Wednesday before the full Commission Meeting at 7:30.

## **Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF)**

Dick reported on the planning meeting. The proposal is for Butte to host the convention in 2009. 200-350 people will attend. The two chairs of the committee are Rolene Schleissman at SHPO and Maire O'Neill at MSU Architecture. Basically, the convention will only have 2 days to see and do whatever in Butte and the surrounding area. Dick is chairman of the Guidebook and Tour Committee. The next meeting of the committee is at Reavis' house on the 22nd and 23rd. Dick offered use of our web space. Also, Dick mentioned that our Stained Glass booklets could be one of the items in participant's packets. We would need to decide on a package deal price for the booklets. VAF Institutional Membership is \$75. The proposed date of the VAF Conventin in Butte is the 2nd weekend in June 2009.

## **Election of Officers**

- It was decided to postpone this until the February meeting.

## **Other:**

1. **Possible Grants** - NCPTT - to document Butte in a way similar to "Virtual Historic Savannah". IMLS/NEH partnership. Robert, Josh, Dick and Max volunteered for a committee to investigate this.
2. **Community Business Plan** - Butte Fire Dept- Mitzi will write a letter to Jeff Miller.
3. **501(c)3 was submitted !!**

4. Dick and Irene will present a talk at the State Historic Preservation meeting in Helena on May 17.  
Next Meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 845 West Granite, 7:00 p.m..