

November 13, 2007 • Andrea Stierle's, 1118 Waukesha

The November meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Mykl Meagher, Stephen Foreman, Dick Gibson, Curt Buttons, Robert Edwards, Nicole von Gaza, Toni Seccomb, Irene Scheidecker, Andrea Stierle, and Bryan Woodford. New additions to the membership mailing list are posted in the "Members Only" pages.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as summarized by Dick and posted on the web site.

Treasurer's Report:

Curt's stock has been cashed in to pay for

Dumas work; one-third of the cost of the roof work has been paid. CPR made a \$500 donation to the friends of the Archives to support the Archives bond promotion. Checking balance = \$17,953, with numerous bills to come due (mostly for the Dumas).

Education:

Articles for Newspaper - Nicole still seeks to have a slush pile of 8 or more articles. (see Members Only section for list). Please contribute! Articles need only run 300-350 words.

Workshops We seek to apply for one of the Preserve America sub-grants to support the Windows and other workshops. Dick pointed out that the official applicant will need to be an entity in the CLG, and the deadline is Dec. 14. Andrea will contact Jen Titus because we thought Jen had ideas and time to work on this.

HIP Grants Butte Board of Realtors donated \$500 to support this program. Thanks!

Butte Restoration Alliance: No report

Salvage: We need a new home to store our salvage items, probably need it by the end of January. Larry will e-mail all members and Dick will put it in the next newsletter, soliciting ideas for a space.

Grants: no report

ACTION ITEMS - Nov-Dec 2007

- **CPR Board** - meeting TBA for ongoing plans on C&A grant - hiring person etc.
- **Andrea & Dick** - draft new membership plan, submit to Board
- **Mitzi** - deal with C&A '06-'07 report (carryover from last time)
- **Larry** - keep up with Paul Babb re: cobblestones issue for planning discussion
- **Andrea** - send HIP grant press release (carryover from last time)
- **Andrea** - contact Jen Titus re: Preserve America grant stuff
- **Dick** - make suggested Web site changes
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Nicole's Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)
- **Larry** - contact Jim Jarvis re: HPO position (carryover from last time)
- **Robert** - Draft description for safeguarding gates; then **Dick** - make brochure (carryover from last time)
- **Dick** - Add salvage space need to newsletter
- **Larry** - E-mail members about salvage space needs

OLD BUSINESS

Dumas: The roof work is done; the contractor says a new drain is needed. The masonry contractor is still out with a bad knee. Curt Buttons pledged an additional \$10,000, in 2008, if needed. Susan Roberts has contacted us about a new play that could be a Dumas fund-raiser. Liz Silliman, artist in Philipsburg, contacted us about helping restore interiors; for the moment that is beyond the CPR's mission and would need to go through Rudy.

Historic Artifact Preservation (cobblestones): Larry talked to Paul Babb, who agreed that a meeting to discuss this will be set up.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Structure: The Board discussed this, regarding possible dues increases, classes of membership, etc. The changes would bring CPR to the "next level" as a professional society. Andrea and Dick agreed to draft a scenario for the Board to address things like rates, member benefits, etc.

Call for Board Members & Officers: The annual election will occur at the January meeting. At least one Board member wants to be relieved. People interested in serving CPR in a Board or Officer position should contact Larry Smith. Dick will put an announcement in the December newsletter.

Centennial recognition of Gerbrant/Geller home: CPR was approached about participating in this, but it seemed clear that work and planning still need to be done to clarify what it is about. Tabled.

Hiring a person: The Board has discussed this and the idea of getting an office space. This is the result of our getting the (reduced) Montana Cultural Trust grant. Plans are to try to have the person and place established by early 2008. The Board will meet to conduct interviews. We do not have to advertise for this position.

Website report: Dick indicated that for 2007 so far we have averaged about 81 unique visitors per day - significantly up from our first year (averaged about 16 per day). Search terms and most popular pages remain the Brick Workshop page and For-Sale and related pages. Larry had some web site suggestions and may provide others.

OTHER REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission: The November meeting (Nov. 6) and a special meeting (Nov. 7) focused on the demolition of the Longfellow School, which began without the Commission approving a permit as required by the Historic Preservation Ordinance. See our web site's threatened page for more details and links.

No other reports or discussion.

The next meeting will be the **holiday get-together, note change of DAY - THURSDAY Dec. 13, no-host at Broadway Cafe, 6:00 p.m., anticipated contribution for pizza/salad/soft drinks = \$10 to \$15.**