

# January 8, 2008 - Mitzi Rossillon's, 815 W. Granite

The January meeting was called to order by President Larry Smith at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Stephen Foreman, Dick Gibson, Curt Buttons, Nicole von Gaza, Mitzi Rossillon, Sharon Amundsen, and Kelly Rose. 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:

The financial report for 2007 is to be posted to the web site; 2007 was the biggest year ever for CPR for both income and expenses, mostly because of things related to the Dumas project.

## 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** Jen Titus created and submitted our application (through Butte-Silver Bow) for a sub-grant from the SHPO's Preserve America II grant. We requested about \$4500 to support the Windows Workshop put on by the National Park Service. Meanwhile, Mitzi has been in touch with some folks at Grand Teton National Park who might do it for free. The SHPO sub-grant awards are to be announced about January 15.

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

**Butte Restoration Alliance:** Membership in the Alliance is open for applicants. There is a vacancy in the slot that was a CPR representative; such a person would also presumably serve on the Historic Preservation Subcommittee of the Alliance. **More Information** - The application procedure will presumably appear in the Montana *Standard* this month.

**Salvage:** We have a new home to store our salvage items, a 2-car garage on West Park-West Galena made available to us by Kay and Carl Eccleston. Sometime soon we will need to have a shelf-building party and then work to move the existing materials from present storage in the Grand Hotel basement.

**Grants:** no report

## ACTION ITEMS - Jan-Feb 2008

- **CPR Board** - meeting TBA re using PayPal on our web site
- **Mitzi** - lease and payment to MOFAB for office
- **Mitzi** - get Gate Protection report to Robert for review
- **Nicole** - talk to Robert & Max about cell phone
- **Dick** - revise volunteer time sheet, include value for times
- **Dick** - work on revised budget for existing C&A grant
- **Dick & Nicole** - get office in MOFAB organized
- **Everyone** - talk to possible Commissioner candidates, talk to Cindi Shaw about approach
- **Everyone** - talk to potential applicants for the Butte Restoration Alliance
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Nicole's Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)
- **Kelly** - contact Irene about computer
- **Kelly** - contact Dan Rice about HIP grant

## OLD BUSINESS

**Dumas:** Waiting on weather; no progress on masonry work; new roof needs a drain installed.

**Historic Artifact Preservation (cobblestones):** Larry and others met with Paul Babb; ideas were generated, but it sounds like the question will be turned over to the Historic Preservation Commission. Dick said the commission had discussed it with no outcome back in the summer, and suggested that this should be tabled until the new Historic Preservation Officer is in place.

**Protect-A-Gate Effort:** On hold for winter; a waiting list still exists. Mitzi received a report from a group in Kay Eccleston's service learning program. This will be transmitted to Robert for review, with the ultimate goal of putting some version of this on our web site and/or in a brochure.

**Membership Structure:** Dick and Andrea drafted a proposal for various levels of individual and corporate membership. The board discussed it and made changes in names and dollar amounts suggested by Mitzi. The members present today discussed it a bit more and made a few more name changes, and approved the final structure. It is posted on the **membership page**. Our membership is for the calendar year, so dues are now due for 2008!

## NEW BUSINESS

**Hiring a person:** The Board has hired Nicole von Gaza as CPR's Public Relations Coordinator, focusing initially on a membership drive. This is the result of our getting the (reduced) Montana Cultural Trust grant. It is a 10-hour-per-week position. We have also decided to rent space in the Museum of Fine Arts - Butte (MOFAB) at \$60 per month for one year initially. The space is on the second floor. Mitzi will take care of the lease, payment, etc. Nicole will talk to Robert and Max about their generous offer of a cell phone; Kelly will talk to Irene about the existing Mac computer that was allocated for the new office. We need to submit a revised budget because the amount of the award was half the request; Dick said he would work on that. Also, because volunteer hours are critical for our match, **we need to have good numbers for value of time, and records of volunteer hours**. Dick will prepare a list of values and revise the volunteer time sheet, and post it to the web site.

**PayPal:** Larry bought up the topic of using a PayPal donation button (or buttons) on our web site to receive dues and donations. After some discussion it was decided that this is something the Board needs to discuss.

## OTHER REPORTS

**Council of Commissioners:** Mitzi told us that there will be at least two Commissioner slots open in this year's elections. One of them, Charlie O'Leary, has been a good friend to historic preservation. It behooves us to explore the possibilities for candidates in these and any other open positions. It was decided to keep this on the agenda, and individuals will talk to Cindi Shaw about possible people and approaches to advocacy in this.

**Historic Preservation Commission:** Dick reported that the HPC elected a new chairman (Ernie Richards) today, for 2008; also beginning in February HPC meetings will be at 5:30 pm, first Tuesdays, at the Court House. This change in time was designed to permit more members of the public to attend. There is a vacancy on the Commission; anyone interested in serving should indicate this by a letter to Paul Babb (cc to Jon Sesso) including a statement of qualifications. Dick reported that Jon Sesso told the Commission that there were 15 applications received for the HPO position, three from Butte and 12 from out of town. His ambitious goal is to have an offer made by the end of the month.

## **Other discussion.**

**Mercury Street Revitalization:** Mitzi discussed this and encouraged us to stay vigilant, inasmuch as some plans may have detrimental impacts on historic structures.

**Dust to Dazzle:** Kelly brought this up; some planning has already taken place, and a tentative date scheduled (Saturday, June 28). Active planning in the subcommittee will proceed soon. Subcommittee is Kelly, Josh, Justine, Mitzi, Janice, Beth, and Bob.

**Stained Glass:** Dick mentioned this; a subcommittee needs to form to discuss the nature and time of a tour for this year.

**National Historic Preservation Month:** Mitzi mentioned this to get the ball rolling for planning activities for next May.

**HIP Grant follow-up:** One grant is outstanding - Kelly will follow up with Dan Rice to get his receipts and his reimbursement.

## **Board Elections**

Josh and Irene are resigning from the Board, leaving five members. There was some discussion of the fact that the by-laws don't really specify how and when Board members are elected, just that they have terms of one year and when vacancies occur the Board may fill them itself. For now, no new Board members were elected. Officers are elected by the Board and serve until they resign, die, or are removed, so there is no change in officers.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday Feb. 12, at our office on the second floor of the MoFAB (405 W. Park)