

# *February 12, 2008 - CPR Office, MoFAB*

The February 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, Julie Crowley, Irene Scheidecker, Mykl Meagher, Andrea Stierle, Kelly Rose, and Larry Smith. 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. Two typos were fixed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

The financial report for 2007 was posted to the web site. Since Jan. 1, expenses have been \$1027, mostly for the office and Public Relations Coordinator,

and including the final HIP grant payment. Receipts of \$795 included book sales (\$125) and membership dues; checking account total is \$9100.

## **Education:**

**Articles for Newspaper** - Nicole reported that Carmen Winslow (*Montana Standard*) is excited about the project. Nicole is getting close to the 10 articles she needs to get things going (see Members Only section for list). Please contribute! Articles need only run 300-350 words. **We need a title for the series** - contact Nicole with suggestions and ideas.

**Workshops** We were awarded the sub-grant from the SHPO's Preserve America II grant. The budget needs to be tweaked to accommodate \$150 that was assigned to refreshments but needs to go elsewhere. Mitzi is dealing with this in concert with the Workshop coordinators: Windows = Irene; Brick = Larry; How Water Heat = Mitzi & Mike Hogan.

## **ACTION ITEMS - Feb-Mar 2008**

- **D2D committee** - meeting at Kelly's (1135 W. Mercury) 6:00 Feb 27
- **Dick** - schedule a Stained Glass tour meeting
- **Mitzi** - get Gate Protection report to Robert for review (carryover)
- **Andrea-Kelly** - Article/press release about past winners and 2008 HIP grant
- **Dick** - finish revised budget for existing C&A grant
- **Mitzi** - tax receipt for Curt
- **Everyone** - talk to possible Commissioner candidates, talk to Cindi Shaw about approach
- **Larry** - Letter to Bobbi Stauffer re: Mercury St. etc
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Nicole's Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)
- **Everyone** - Contribute ideas for a name of the Newspaper Article series (contact Nicole)
- **Kelly** - Talk to Butte Board of Realtors about sign
- **HIP Grant committee** - tweak requirements etc., set deadline
- **Nicole** - keep after MoFab about door lock
- **Dick** - solicit/organize CPR + personal preservation "library" resources
- **Irene** - Coordinate w/Robert & Gary Dryden re: Salvage
- **Julie** - Pass on hist. pres. concerns voiced by CPR to the Restoration Alliance Hist. Pres. committee
- **Someone?** - find out if Rotary would like to have a talk (or talks) from CPR
- **Dick** - Talk to Suzzann Nordwick about Hawthorne School tour and contact everyone

Tours: The **Dust to Dazzle tour committee** met, and will meet again Feb. 27, 6:00 pm, at Kelly's home. They have potential venues from Nicole and will check with Noorjahan and others as they work toward a full slate of locations. Dick will organize a meeting to plan the **Stained Glass Tour**. Mitzi suggested the idea of a guided bus or trolley tour, to include businesses, churches, and homes.

**HIP Grants** Butte Board of Realtors donated \$500 to support this program in 2007. Thanks! We discussed adding a sign to the CPR grant sign to promote the Realtors' contribution. Kelly will contact the Board of Realtors to talk about this. The committee will tweak the description of the grants to make clear that there is a range of awards, as well as the fact that our source of funds for this is strictly fund-raising, not grants. They will also set the deadline in May for applications, and Andrea and Kelly will write an article reflecting both last year's awards and the upcoming 2008 program.

**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. Irene mentioned that Gary Dryden has salvage that we can have - she will talk to Robert about this.

**Grants:** The C&A Grant (for office operational expenses) requires some signatures, provided at this meeting, and an adjusted budget statement, which Dick and Mitzi are working on. It should be sent off soon and then we can get the first half of the award. Other deadlines are posted on the website calendar.

**Membership Drive:** Nicole reported 160 membership fliers mailed out (thanks to Jim Warner for printing!), and 17 bad addresses returned. Nicole's next step is to begin door-to-door business campaigning. See the **membership page** for more information. Our membership is for the calendar year, so dues are now due for 2008!

## OLD BUSINESS

**Dumas:** Waiting on weather; no progress on masonry work; new roof needs a drain installed. Curt Buttons made a donation of \$10,000 to further support this effort. Thanks Curt!!

**Historic Artifact Preservation (cobblestones):** no report

**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. (carried over from last time)

**National Historic Preservation Month (May):** General discussion about possible activities, including a fundraising reception and/or educational event at MoFAB. Julie showed drafts of her project to use photos of town highlighting lost structures.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Board Elections:** This was carried over from January because Dick mistakenly thought there was no provision in the by-laws for it. The nominated slate, Larry Smith, Mitzi Rossillon, Andrea Stierle, Robert Edwards, and Carrie Kiely, was elected by acclamation.

**CPR Library & Office:** Discussion focused on making available as a "Members Only" benefit books, magazines, and other preservation resources. These could include items in the CPR office, as well as personal items members are willing to loan out but don't really want to move to the CPR office. We would work toward a listing of resources for the web site. Larry has a computer to donate to the office,

once the issue of the unlockable door is resolved.

**Hawthorne School:** Suzzann Nordwick approached us about help and advice for the Hawthorne school (twin to the demolished Longfellow), both technical and (if possible) for fund-raising. Dick will contact Suzzann to set up a tour which would also include members of the Historic Preservation Commission. We suggest that they host some kind of reception where folks can provide ideas for technical and fund-raising assistance.

## 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. (carried over from last time)

**Historic Preservation Commission:** (carry over from last time) 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 BSB expects to make an offer to an HPO candidate within a matter of days.

**Mercury Street Revitalization:** Spirited discussion about public/private activities here, and regarding other projects (Emma Park etc.). Bottom line, we should stay vigilant. Julie will appraise the Restoration Alliance of these matters.

**Butte Restoration Alliance:** Dick reported on the Historic Preservation subcommittee's interaction with Jon Sesso re: using the Original Mine Yard during the National Folk Festival. BSB will be repairing the Engine Room (Hoist House), something the RA HP subcommittee had recommended and supports. Also, the RA received 16 applicants for a maximum of 14 available vacancies; several of the applicants are good friends to preservation. Decisions on accepting new members will come soon.

**Parking Garage:** The URA and architects still invite comments on the design, which can be seen at Karen Byrnes' office in the Court House.

## Other discussion.

**Assisted Living:** At Ellen Crain's request, Dick has organized monthly visits by CPR volunteers to Beyond Assisted Living, three homes in Butte. We have programs slated through June - if you are interested in helping, contact Dick.

**National Folk Festival:** Julie reported that CPR member Denny Dutton has been selected to be the volunteer coordinator for the festival - he'll be needing about 700 volunteers, so anyone interested should contact him.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday March 11, at our office on the second floor of the MoFAB (405 W. Park)