

July 14, 2009 - MoFAB

The July meeting was called to order by Vice President Carrie Kiely at approximately 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m. In attendance were Nicole von Gaza, Dick Gibson, Julie Crowley, Mitzi Rossillon, Curt Buttons, and Carrie Kiely.

The action items from the last meeting were read.

Treasurer's Report: Mitzi reported that all of CPR's money is now in US Bank. She has filed the 990-EZ tax form and provided a copy to Nicole for the office, where it is available for review. For the period June 16-July 14, receipts totaled \$5274 (mostly Dust to Dazzle, Cultural

Trust Grant, and Stained Glass book sales to VAF) and expenses totaled \$2643 (mostly workshop expenses, which will be reimbursed under the SHPO Preserve America Sub-grant). Mitzi provided a year-by-year accounting of Dust to Dazzle tour finances, which will be posted on the web site in the D2D area.

Mitzi also provided a list of Treasurer's duties for consideration as we look to finding a new treasurer and/or accommodate the needs in other ways.

Treasurer Tasks:

- monthly financial report to membership
- Banking - handle Certificates of deposit, balance checking account, make deposits (about 35 per year)
- special reports to membership (Dust to Dazzle, workshops, etc.)
- Annual report to membership
- Annual budget if needed
- Invoice granting agencies (Preserve America, Cultural Trust) and purchasers (VAF, resellers, etc.)
- handle PayPal account
- Make Dust to Dazzle cash boxes
- Cash receipt vouchers
- pay bills (about 55 per year); cash expenditure vouchers
- Montana Secretary of State Annual Report
- File IRS 990-EZ or other forms as needed
- File IRS 1099 forms as needed

Education:

ACTION ITEMS - July-August 2009

- **Nicole** - Remind & Inform Mike Hogan about Sept.(?) Hot Water Heat Workshop and Aug. 22 Salvage sale.
- **Julie** draft letter about improper conduct at council meeting for Board review .
- **Dick** - follow up with VAF people about proposed donation
- **Dick** - Web stuff as mentioned in minutes
- **Mitzi** - Order CD, *Our Vanishing History*
- **Dick** - Jim Warner Preservation Award article (carryover)
- **Dick** - photos of all HIP awardees; map of all locations (ongoing)
- **VOLUNTEERS** - hours to Nicole (Workshop-related hours to Larry)
- **Everyone** - Please contribute to Newspaper Article project (see list in Members Only area)

Articles for Newspaper - Nicole and Dick will try to get this going again.

Workshops: The next Hot Water Heat workshop is tentatively planned for September. Nicole is to remind Mike Hogan and get the date set.

Dust to Dazzle tour: Two possible places exist already for 2010. Peggy Guccione offered to have the Ryan house on N. Excelsior as the site for the Tea, if there is a tea.

HIP Grants: nothing to report

Salvage: Date set is August 22. Nicole to tell organizers (Mike Hogan, Jean Abrams).

Grants: waiting on CCSP grant for Greek Cafe - we should hear this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Greek Cafe: nothing new; as noted above, waiting on word about CCSP grant.

313 S. Idaho demolition request: Discussion about the Council meeting, especially Jeff Ammerman's lengthy prepared presentation, which he gave as a member of the public, but there was no public meeting and other members of the public were not allowed to speak. Julie to draft a letter for CPR on this topic, and send it around to the board for review and comment. Discussion included appreciation for the depth and sensitivity of Councilmember Ristine Hall's observations, as well as Steve Hess's comments about the Council being the main reason HP Guidelines have not yet been finalized. On the rumor level, it has been suggested that the property owner may have shifted his position on selling somewhat and might sell it to someone who has expressed interest in possibly moving it.

Revolving Fund Draft: Nothing new.

Dumas: Curt indicated that Rudy is exploring possible incorporation as a 501(c)3 organization. People present reminded Curt to keep in mind that some granting agencies would require that the property actually be owned by the non-profit, in addition to being managed by it.

Other: none

NEW BUSINESS

VAF proposal for extra money donation: The board has settled on the HIP program as the proposed recipient for any donation. Dick is to explore with Rolene and other VAF organizers to figure out what exactly is needed from CPR.

Council of Commissioners education: Discussion led by Julie included attempting to get councilmembers to view a CD on *Our Vanishing History*; Julie would also include in an Education Pack the recent letter from the Mayor of Miles City waving the flag in support of preservation of the historic railroad depot there. We cannot give copies of the CD away without buying them, but the copyright owners gave permission to show it. Mitzi suggested, and the group present supported, holding a Fall Preservation Film Festival with this CD, *Blue Vinyl*, and others. In terms of education, the idea of "adopt a commissioner" was discussed, designed to bring all commissioners up to speed on specific issues, as well as general background information. Mitzi is to order the *Our Vanishing History* CD; the fall film festival idea is to be on the August agenda with the idea of getting it going.

Web links: Dick asked if it was OK to add links on our web site links page to Bruce Moseley's Butte architectural photos screensaver page, as well as to Lisa Wareham's Butte Daily Photo blog since there was so much Butte architecture in both. Approved.

Web site - Before and After: Mitzi suggested creation of a section focusing on "Before and After" "rat-traps" - that is, how a "worthless," unsavable house was saved. Dick agreed to get the page going, but said he needs help with indications of addresses to include, and especially help with getting "before" pictures.

OTHER REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission: suggested that we add HPC "tidbits" - news, lists of their demolition actions (approvals and denials), etc. on our own web site. They have a site, which Dick is working on, but he is waiting for input from the HPC members before he can proceed. Nicole is going to start going to the HPC meetings regularly.

Community Enrichment: no report

URA: no report.

Main Street Uptown Butte: Nicole mentioned the National Main Street meeting in Oklahoma as a possible good place to promote Butte and preservation. Some discussion, sounds like maybe something to think more about for 2010, and to be sure to work with George Everett on.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Mitzi asked Dick to get a photo of the MHS Vernacular Montana poster, which we have maybe 200 of, into the next newsletter as a means of promoting visiting the office - come by, get a free poster! Dick said he would do that.

Next Meeting: *Tuesday August 11*