

Slater Area Historical Association
Meeting Minutes, December 13, 2011

Present: *Barb Mallon, President; Louise O'Donnell, Secretary; Mary O'Donnell, Treasurer; Don Todd, Howard Hammond, Maurine Bryant*

The meeting convened at 1:30.

November minutes accepted as written.

Mary O'Donnell gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted with comments. The \$800 dollars shown to our benefit in our bank statement is not yet reconciled.

Comments: Letters to the City council re: their budgeting for funding SAHA **should go out in January....Barb.**

Did Gilbert send a letter on behalf of the Alliance to the Supervisors? **Contact Gilbert** and confirm they did....**Barb.** If they didn't, **Howard** will follow up with the Supervisors.

Old Business:

-Update on the Growing Up Exhibit—There is a concern mentioned that Sheldahl is not included in the exhibit. Barb suggested that stories from Sheldahl are included in Vol. 2 of our memory booklets. Howard suggested **selecting ten names from Sheldahl in our membership and mailing** each a booklet with a request for stories.

-Maurine has available the History of Sheldahl books. The suggestion was made to **buy the books from Maurine** and stock some here to resell.

-The approximate of cost for the exhibit was \$350. Louise gave the costs to Mary.

Howard suggested keeping a record of each event which Mary said we were doing.

-We will be open Sunday the 18th. **Mary** will staff and anyone else who is available.

-Our basket we donated to the silent auction brought \$65.

-Barb reported on the Cub Scout visit. A suggestion was made that **we assemble a packet for the teachers** about SAHA as a resource for them.

-Mary and Barb reported on the genealogy work space. The wireless internet is not working and **Huxcomm needs to be contacted.** We are about to start entering information which involves a lot of labor.

-We need **to talk to the Ames Historical Society about who set up their website.** We need to improve our site. And perhaps **talk to ISU about volunteers** to help with the computer entry.

-We are having work days on Jan. 12, 19, and 26, as stated in the newsletter.

New Business:

-We will **contact UNI to pursue their offer of history interns.** They are offering 15 hours of service to catalog items during the spring session.

-Increase dues...we will **send a letter in January, before the 15th with the new fee schedule.** **Barb** will circulate ideas, and we will pull it together. We will mail annual subscribers, but we will also mail lifetime members. We will compose letters for each opportunity.

-Our annual meeting is the 15th of February. **Louise** will do PR about it and the luncheon and create a poster also.

-**Oge** is volunteering again for his Board position. We are seeking another volunteer for the Board. In the PR and poster we need to emphasize the public is welcome and get some new people involved. We need to **call on likely persons who may be available to serve** on the Board.

-We are beginning to plan for our Wedding Dress Exhibit. We would like to hold its opening the second week in June or the 4th of July. We are planning to have an antique car exhibit on that weekend. **We need to approach the local car buffs and see if this is possible.** The exhibit would once again include the displays and a booklet with stories and photos. If we can get 10-12 dresses that would be enough, but more stories and photos can be used. WW1 and WW2 stories, depression stories, elopements, the crazy 60's, etc. We need to talk to Joann's, Penney's etc. about dress forms.

-We will not do a garage sale this year.

-Howard asked if we wanted to be leaders in the planning of the sesquicentennial in 2015. We determined that we would volunteer help but perhaps not lead the project. Our recipe book project would be a good asset to the event, perhaps a military display since that year is also the 70th anniversary in the end of WW2. We could use all of past displays in a large exhibit also.

Other:

-Remaining on the agenda....requesting a digital recorder for the WW2 stories and others; the presentation on antique buttons; recipe/memories book; master calendar; Davis cartoon appraisal; RADA fundraising opportunity; funding for Past Perfect; pursual of grants.

Meeting adjourned 3:00.