

Slater Area Historical Association

Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2012

Present: *Barb Mallon, President; Elaine Raines, Vice-President; Louise O'Donnell, Secretary; Mary O'Donnell, Treasurer; Don Todd, Oge Forre, Howard Hammond, Maurine Bryant, Jackie O'Donnell, Marilee Dawson, LaDonna Chriswell*

The meeting convened at 1:30.

December minutes accepted as written.

Mary O'Donnell gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted. The \$800 dollars shown to our benefit in our bank statement will be an adjustment going forward.

Old Business:

- Barb** has the request for funding letter ready and will submit to the city council. We are requesting \$1500.
- Howard** is following up with the county supervisors regarding the Alliance on January 17.
- Louise** has the names of the Sheldahl people we will contact about submitting stories to us. She will follow up.
- Maurine** will bring in about 20 'History of Sheldahl' books. We will buy them from her for \$5 each and resell at the Hall. We will mention them in the newsletter.
- We have a router now and soon will be able to receive the internet on the new computer station.
- The Ames Historical group visited the Hall and Mary and Barb spent time showing them around. Mary worked with them and they have volunteered to help us with our website. This cooperation also aids in our efforts to work more within the Alliance, per the county supervisors' suggestion. Dick Shook has also volunteered to help with the website.
- Louise** is following up on contacting ISU about interns. We need to compile a suggested "job description" first. The deadline to request an intern from UNI has passed.
- Mary reviewed the progress on 'Past Perfect'. She has locations identified and categories identified. Barb and Mary will update us as the inventory progresses. We could use help entering the data.
- Oge and Howard are progressing on painting/repairing the bathrooms, basement, and stairs. The storage rooms still require finish work.

New Business:

- Barb presented the revised dues schedule along with the fund drive letter and donation form.
 - We agreed to also use the letter for prospecting for new members. Each Board member think of 3-4 new names to invite to join.
 - We will print 325 quantity. **Louise** will get the pieces printed.
 - We'll get together Tuesday the 17th at 1 o'clock to assemble and mail.
- Louise moved to vote on the donation schedule changes and increases. Mary seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve.
- We reviewed the next steps for the annual meeting in February.
 - Louise** will issue an email invitation to the president of the SBA to attend the luncheon.
 - Louise** will do some PR for the luncheon and meeting with an announcement in the papers, on our website, and with posters.
 - We need to prepare ballots for the vote on Board members.
 - **Howard** is contacting Corn Crib Catering about the meal. He is looking for an estimate on attendance. He will talk to the SBA about their possible attendance. **Elaine** will double check our supplies for paper goods for the meal.
 - Re: the election of Board members. This year Barb and Oge (Janice Walker's term) are up for election. Both have volunteered to serve again. Next year Elaine and Don (Ron Denton's term) will be up, and in 2014 Mary and Louise's terms are up.
- There was a suggestion to email the members about our monthly meetings each month as a reminder.

- **Barb** will look into applying for the Bethlehem Lutheran endowment fund grant, deadline Jan. 31.

-Re: the wedding dress exhibit. **Louise** will do an “outline” of decisions and tasks to accomplish. We need to confirm the availability of a group of antique cars to show at the same time.

-Barb introduced the concept for another exhibit/project for the end of the year. An “Historical Show and Tell” exhibit, working with kids and maybe the teachers. Each child who wishes to participate takes a photo of something in their house or relatives’ house that has “history”, a story that means something to the family. The photos and stories are displayed and a booklet created. **Louise** will do an “outline” of tasks and decisions to accomplish this idea.

-Remaining on the agenda: ...requesting a digital recorder for the WW2 stories and others; scheduling the antique buttons show and presentation (**Louise**); recipe/memories book; Davis cartoon appraisal; master calendar; RADA fundraising opportunity; funding for Past Perfect; pursuit of grants; packet for teachers.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15.