

Missoula Board of Trustees

for the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

Minutes, April 12, 2010

Attending: Michael Fussell, Chair, Addrien Marx, Bob Tutskey; Gary Glynn, alternate; John Rimel, alternate; Robert M. Brown, Executive Director.

Guests: Skip Drake and Mike Perry, AAM Accreditation Team.

Order: Fussell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in Building T-1.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes: Marx moved and Tutskey seconded approval of the minutes for the March 15, 2010, Trustee Meeting; motion passed.

Correspondence: Brown noted the correspondence in the Director's Report: the informational letter to the Front Desk volunteers and the 6-month progress report from the Friends of Nine-Mile for their Preserving Missoula County's History Grant.

Executive Director's Report: Brown quickly reviewed his report: the month belonged to the 1910 Fire exhibit, and attendance was record-shattering for the opening. He asked if there were any questions, there were none.

Old Business:

- There was no old business.

New Business:

- Brown introduced the 2011 Operating Plan. In the interest of time, discussion and action were tabled until the May 10 meeting.
- Brown presented the preliminary FY 2011 County Budget; it is not nearly as bad as feared. The big change is to calculate a 20-year bank mortgage to replace the 10-year Intercap Loan; half of the estimated \$35,000 annual payment would be paid from the county operations budget and half from the Friends budget. Capital expenses will be reduced to \$5,000 for a new computer. Operational expenses will reflect current trends, exhibit costs will be minimal because no major exhibit will be installed next year, and travel budgets will reflect more automobile travel than common carrier, given the location of conferences next year. Without the T-1 mortgage the FY 10 county budget was \$488,284 and FY 11 will be \$481,638, or \$6,646 less. Glynn moved and Rimel seconded that Brown have the authority to edict and revise the presented draft, keeping the Trustees informed. Brown will email the Trustees the final draft on Thursday, await immediate comments, and submit the budget to the county Friday, April 16.
- Marx moved and Tutskey seconded approval of the Fiscal Year 2011 Preserving Missoula County's History Grant application. Brown will send out a PSA to announce the opening of the application process.

Comments: There were no comments.

Claims: A claim of \$2,568.16 to the *Missoulian* for the normal publicity plus the publicity for the exhibit was approved.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting will be May 10, 2010, noon, at Building T-1.

Fussell adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

The Trustees then met in private with the Accreditation Team.

Drafted 4/12/10, Robert M. Brown