

# Missoula Board of Trustees

## for the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

Minutes, October 18, 2010

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

Guests: Coby Johnson, President, Friends of the Historical Museum; Dale Johnson.

Order: In Fussell's absence Rimel called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. in Building T-1.

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

Approval of Minutes: Glynn moved and Rimel seconded approval of the minutes for the September 20, 2010, Trustee Meeting; motion passed. Fussell arrived to take over the chair.

Correspondence: Brown noted the correspondence in the Director's Report: the letters from AAM related to re-accreditation, Senator Testor's congratulations, and Brown's update letter to the Front Desk Volunteers.

Executive Director's Report: Brown reviewed his report: attendance was up quite a lot, it's been a very busy season for the Collections Department as they installed a number of new exhibits in Seeley Lake and the Missoula Public Library, a Halloween exhibit is being installed, Brown thanked all who made the UM Homecoming Parade a success, noted the Education Department's tour of Wallace for the docents, announced the upcoming Theodore Roosevelt program being organized by Kim Kaufman, noted that the Veterans Stand Down last Friday was a success, the Miller Creek Guard Cabin and NCO Quarters have gotten log treatment, the schoolhouse is painted, work has begun on the new schoolhouse access ramp and stairs, more trees have been removed, the Mountain-Plains Museums Association conference was a success, work continues on developing a Volunteer Coordinator's job description, and thanks were given to those who helped out at the KUFM pledge night. There was discussion about Richard Sims' resignation as Director of the Montana Historical Society and how it might impact the 2011 History Conference in Missoula and the 2011 MPMA conference in Helena. C. Johnson updated the Board on the Friends Book Sale, November 4-7, in Heritage Hall; she will be sending out an email for scheduling purposes.

### Old Business:

- In Building T-1, the new boiler is working again after having been turned off (by the ghost?), Lasting Impressions has begun painting the trim on the western part of the building, and all other projects are waiting on Larry Farnes to obtain bids.
- Fussell had not received any feedback from anyone on the Executive Director's Annual Performance Evaluation. Fussell will send out another email.

New Business:

- Because the way the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays fall this year, on Brown's request, Rimel moved and Glynn seconded that the Museum be closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1; motion carried.
- Progress on the Fort Missoula Regional Park was reviewed in the aftermath of the September 21 meeting. While they have most of the design work and specifications done, they still do not have any money to proceed.

Comments: C. Johnson noted that the Trustee Meetings were always entertaining.

Claims: There were no claims.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting will be November 15, 2010, noon, at Building T-1.

Fussell adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Drafted 10/18/10, Robert M. Brown