

# Missoula Board of Trustees

## for the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

Minutes, September 19, 2011

Attending: Addrien Marx, Acting Chair; Don Spritzer, Alternate; John Rimel, Alternate; Robert M. Brown, Executive Director.

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

Order: Marx called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. at Building T-1, Fort Missoula.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: There was none.

Approval of Minutes: Spritzer moved and Rimel seconded approval of the minutes of the August 22 Trustee Meeting; motion passed.

Correspondence: Brown noted the thank-you letters in the Director's Report.

Executive Director's Report: Brown reviewed his report: Attendance figures were par on the course for 2009 (before the 1910 Fire exhibit), most of the posters for the WW II exhibit are framed and at the Museum, the proofs for the 3 missing panels of the permanent exhibit have been received, the WW I traveling exhibit will be arriving September 27 and everyone should have had their invitations for the event, the Ben Kemper lecture was very successful, Nicole Webb had been hired as the new Curator of Collections and her office is getting a real wall, the Library Car trucks are done, the tracks still need to be laid although the ballast has been delivered, the Friends bank account is in the red as they wait for reimbursement on the T-1 grants, and the friends made \$5,518.17 at the Western Montana Fair.

### Old Business:

- Brown reported on the T-1 projects: almost all of the work has been completed, paperwork needs to be finished, and the building needs to be cleaned and prepared for the Montana History Conference, Sept. 22-24.

### New Business:

- The Board reviewed the Emergency Plan. Phone numbers need to be updated and a section added to the fire section regarding the need to keep the grass irrigated.
- Brown reviewed the Operating Plan. Many things have been accomplished, others are in the process of being done or are of an on-going nature, and some changes have been made because of budgetary problems. There was a question about the status of the NCO Quarters exhibit and the participation of Kermit Edmunds. No one has heard from Edmunds in a long time and the Museum is moving ahead with a different vision for the NCO Quarters. The Friends' Annual Fund Drive this year will be for an exhibit in the NCO Quarters – a smaller, more general exhibit than planned by Edmunds.

- There was a question about the status of the inventory of Stan Cohen's private collection and Brown noted that Nicole Webb had done that as an intern.

Comments: Johnson noted that the Trustee meetings are always fun.

Claims: A claim for \$605.68 to Brown to reimburse his hotel expense at the American Association for State and Local History Conference in Richmond, VA, was approved.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting will be on October 17, at noon, in Building T-1 at Fort Missoula.

Marx adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m., and Brown gave a tour of the newly restored courtroom.

Drafted 9/19/11, Robert M. Brown