

Missoula Board of Trustees

for the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

Minutes, November 21, 2011

Attending: Michael Fussell, Chair; Robert Tutskey; Don Spritzer, Alternate; John Rimel, Alternate; Robert M. Brown, Executive Director.

Guests: None.

Order: Fussell called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. at Building T-1, Fort Missoula.

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

Approval of Minutes: Spritzer moved and Fussell seconded approval of the minutes, with spelling correction, of the September 19 Trustee Meeting; motion passed.

Correspondence: Brown presented Fussell with the Chair's copy of AAM's *Museum* magazine, passed out the Preserving Missoula County's History Grant report submitted by the Museum of Mountain Flying, and noted the correspondence included in the Director's Report. There was discussion about the status of the Museum of Mountain Flying, Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History, Northern Rockies Heritage Center, and the Ravalli County Museum.

Executive Director's Report: Brown reviewed his report: attendance figures were steady, there is still time to sponsor a World War II poster for the exhibit, the holiday exhibit opening was a success, Rimel is working to replace the flagpole for the schoolhouse, the memorial trees have been planted, a volunteer is trying to provide a paved pathway to the iris gardens, the Mountain-Plains Museums Association conference was a big success, the Friends made \$4,250 on the used book sale, and the Friends have sent in their reservation fee for next year's Western Montana Fair.

Old Business:

- After discussion, Spritzer moved and Rimel seconded that “whereas the amount of business the Missoula County Board of Trustees for the Historical Museum does, there is no need to meet monthly; and whereas should more meetings be necessary, the By-Laws allow for special meetings; and whereas the number of meetings is determined by the By-Laws; and whereas the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula is funded by a designated mill levy not by the state-permitted special mill levy for museums; therefore be it resolved that the Trustee By-Laws Article IV, Section 1, Regular Meetings, be amended to read: 'Regular meetings of the Board shall be held ~~monthly~~ **every other month, on odd numbered months**, at a time and place designated by the Board and publicized in the *Missoulian*.'” After further discussion the motion passed.

New Business:

- Brown updated the Board on what happened at the Friends Board meeting on November 17. Beyond normal business, the Nominating Committee was activated with names for officers and board members being discussed, the Annual Meeting will be on April 3 at the Holiday Inn, and after some discussion it was the unanimous consensus to produce the “Rally” newsletter as a hard copy twice a year and do email versions twice a year. There was discussion about making the “Rally” completely electronic but it was decided the the Friends and the membership are not ready for that yet.
- After reviewing the Board's By-Laws, Brown will follow the procedure set down under “Amendments” to make the motion to change to every other month meetings effective. A written legal notice will be published in the *Missoula Independent* 10 days in advance of the next meeting when the final vote will be taken. Then the amendment will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for final adoption.
- Rimel moved and Tutskey seconded that the January meeting be moved from January 16 to January 9 because of Brown's vacation, and that, should there be a February meeting, that it be moved from February 20 (Presidents Day) to February 27. Motion carried.

Comments: There were none.

Claims: A claim for \$3,000 to the Oregon Nikkei Endowment for the exhibit “Taken: FBI” was approved.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting will be on December 19, at noon, in Building T-1 at Fort Missoula.

Tutskey adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Drafted 11/22/11, Robert M. Brown