

Missoula Board of Trustees

for the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

Minutes, December 19, 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 12:00 p.m. at Building T-1, Fort Missoula.

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

Approval of Minutes: Spritzer moved and Tutskey seconded approval of the minutes of the November 21 Trustee Meeting; motion passed.

Correspondence: Brown noted the correspondence included in the Director's Report. Trustees wondered why Brown did not go to the Emperor of Japan's birthday party, and were pleased that AAM Accreditation won't begin again until 2023.

Executive Director's Report: Brown reviewed his report: attendance figures were stable for the month, the 3 final panels were installed in the permanent exhibit, the holiday opening was fun but only 86 people attended, staff had a refresher course on museum security, Might-Dyer was appointed Montana state representative to the board of the Mountain-Plains Museums Association, the Friends Annual Meeting will be April 3 at the Holiday Inn-Downtown, and the Friends newsletter will become a semi-annual one as the move to digitalization commences.

Old Business:

- Brown reviewed the process of amending the Trustee By-Laws and noted that the required 10-day public notice had been published in the *Missoula Independent* on December 8. The Trustees are now free to vote on the proposed amendment, after which it will be submitted to the Missoula County Commissioners for approval.

New Business:

- There were no public comments on the proposed By-Laws amendment, either written, faxed, emailed, telephoned, or given in person.
- By unanimous vote the proposed amendment passed on November 21 was approved, 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.'"

- By Trustee request the annual Board Self-Evaluation form will be emailed for them to complete.
- Brown noted that if the County Commissioners approve the By-Laws amendment then the timing of the Preserving Missoula County History Grants will have to be changed; this will be a topic for action at the January Trustee meeting.

Comments: There were none.

Claims: There were no claims.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting will be on January 9, at noon, in Building T-1 at Fort Missoula.

Tutskey adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Drafted 12/20/11, Robert M. Brown