

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Montana Historical Society, Boo MacGivra Auditorium
Friday, January 18, 2008

In attendance were Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees members Sharon Lincoln, Jim Court, Tom Foor, Bill Holt, Kent Kleinkopf, Katherine Lee, Jack Lepley, Jim Murry, Lee Rostad, Crystal Shors, Shirley Groff, Thomas Nygard and Jim Utterback. Also in attendance were MHS Director Richard Sims, MHS State Historic Preservation Officer Mark Baumler, MHS Administrator Denise King, MHS Publications Program Manager Molly Holz, MHS Research Center Program Manager Molly Kruckenberg, MHS Interim Museum Program Manager Jennifer Bottomly-O'looney, MHS Outreach and Interpretation Program Manager Kirby Lambert, MHS Public Information Officer Tom Cook, Administrator of the Department of Administration Architecture and Engineering Division Thomas O'Connell, Deputy Director of the Department of Administration Sheryl Olson, Helena Chamber of Commerce Cathy Burwell, Greater Montana Foundation Chairman Robert Hoene, Staff Assistant Marni Banks, MHS Friends President Karen Borowiak, MHS Preservation Grant Administrator Roxann Lincoln, Montana History Foundation President Mathew Cohn, Montana History Foundation Administrative Assistant Elisa Peterson, MHS Special Projects Manager Susan Near, MHS Museum Staff Rowena Harrington, Amanda Trum Streeter, and Kendra Derrer, Lee Newspaper Reporter Chuck Johnson, Mrs. Betty Babcock and Betty Pohlmer

CALL TO ORDER

President Sharon Lincoln called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Shirley Groff moved to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2007 meeting, Bill Holt seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion passed.

ED CRANEY STUDIO PRESENTATION

Richard introduced Robert Hoene, Chairman of the Greater Montana Foundation and asked him to make an announcement of great importance to the future of the Montana Historical Society. Mr. Hoene stated the Greater Montana Foundation was founded by Ed Craney, a Butte pioneer radio broadcaster in 1927 and a television broadcaster statewide in 1953. He explained that a sum of money has been set aside to work with radio and television in the state and to promote both the radio and television business and also its history. The Board decided to enter into collaboration with the Historical Society to work on a place where the study and history of broadcasting could be presented. Through the help of Richard and the Board a concept was conceived which will be called the Craney Studio. The studio will be a sound stage with lights, microphones, camera equipment for television, a directing booth with editing equipment and a production area for features or statewide debates. The vision is to have a small auditorium with 30 or 40 seats which will provide Montana users with a place to produce history as it occurs.

Robert announced the Foundation has committed \$100,000.00 this year and \$100,000.00 for the next six years. After that time, the Foundation will review the commitment to decide if it can be sustained and continued. The Foundation wants this project to be part of the new Historical Society.

FACILITY EXPANSION UPDATE

Mrs. Betty Babcock explained she would like the mall site to have a chance at being chosen for the new Montana Historical Society. She said one thing everyone agrees with is that a new Heritage Center is needed. Decision can't be made as to where to put it and there are some who think we can't pay for it but we want it and we need it. Mrs. Babcock stated it is her opinion that the location for the new center was decided when the people spoke through their legislators and the vote was taken on HB 540. The bill passed 95-5 in the House of Representatives and 49-1 in the Senate for the bonding authority of \$7.5 million to buy the mall. Unfortunately, there has been a three year delay before any further action was taken. The Montana Historical Society and the preservation of Montana's history will always be high on Mrs. Babcock's list. Cost is inevitable but the Society should be high on every Montanans priority list. Mrs. Babcock presented factors which she estimates would help off set operation costs if the mall site were chosen. She stated the 225 North Roberts building, ideally located immediately adjacent to the capitol, would be available for other state entities to occupy at lower costs. Attendance will increase, generating more fee revenue, noting the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, Wyoming is a model for this type of increase in tourism. Space could be leased for several years generating revenue. She discussed the lack of space currently on campus for adding on to existing structures highlighting the present parking problems. In the constrained space proposed in the 2007 study there would be very little room to expand. Proposed additional parking will be expensive structured parking, currently estimated at \$19,000 per car. She remarked that the mall has 750 parking spaces. Mrs. Babcock also noted that the disturbance to existing collections during renovation will be considerable and the possibility of the museum and the research center being closed for a period of time would have a considerable negative impact on operations. The current plan is in conflict with the Legislative intent. Mrs. Babcock stated she was pleased when the Capitol Complex Advisory Council voted 4-2 in favor of purchasing the mall. Since the letter written by Janet Kelly to the Governor, dated November 19th, there have been so many conflicts. Ms. Kelly advised the Governor she would postpone making a decision regarding the location of the Montana Heritage Center. Ms. Kelly issued a challenge to the proponents of the mall allowing them the opportunity to equalize the costs of the two sites by raising a \$24 million dollar difference by January 31, 2008. Mrs. Babcock said she has never heard of a major Capitol Complex campaign taking place in this fashion. People have so many questions and no answers. As much as she wants the mall site, she couldn't ask people to contribute large sums of money when she couldn't answer where the site was going to be. She emphasized that the Legislative intent was to purchase the mall and the will of the people has been expressed. It is time that all of us have the same big dream for Montana. A booklet was presented for the file by Mrs. Babcock outlining proponents of the mall site. Anyone wishing to contact Mrs. Babcock can do so at the following address: mthistory@bettybabcock.com Jim Murry said he understood at the time the hearings were held in front of the Capitol Complex Committee there was a rather large

pledge and questioned Mrs. Babcock about that pledge. Mrs. Babcock responded there was a \$20 million pledge, however, that donor has withdrawn because he got disgusted with the way things were being handled. She said she will get another donor that will give \$20 million. Jim asked Mrs. Babcock how much has been raised to date. Mrs. Babcock said the fund raisers would be the History Foundation and commented there are people who have written letters stating they will donate but they are absolutely adamant about the mall site being chosen.

Sharon asked Cheryl Olson for an update and comments. Cheryl stated that the letter was issued by Janet Kelly in hopes that the mall proponents could equalize the choice. She noted all of us share the same goal of a museum and think the mall would be a fine site. The department believes the state could use that land for something, however, the future and vision seen right now is smudged with red ink. Fiscal realities of fundraising must be looked at. The Legislature didn't give us a blank check. Cheryl said there is no position by the department at this time until the 31st of January deadline.

Tom O'Connell said he can't proceed with this project until there is a site selected. Mrs. Babcock asked where the money to build the Capitol Complex would come from. Tom explained many projects in the state are funded entirely with state funds. It is easy when the whole money package is appropriated by the Legislature. This project would be funded partially by the state. The Legislature has challenged private sources to raise a lot of money, in this case, \$30 million. Tom noted he can't proceed with construction until he has the money in hand.

Jim Murry said he hoped Mrs. Babcock or the Montana History Foundation would make the announcement at this meeting that the money had been raised. He noted there are many rumors going around. He asked Tom O'Connell to give some background on the due diligence process at the mall site. Tom commented he would go back to the 2005 Legislative session wherein many Legislators gave him a stern warning telling him not to buy the mall until due diligence was conducted on the condition of the building. Private consultants with expertise in specific areas were hired and the bottom line figure was \$10 million. There wasn't anything in the figures saying the mall couldn't work for a museum. At the time due diligence was completed there wasn't even a director for the Historical Society. Report was given to the 2007 Legislature asking where to go with the due diligence. There was no feed back given. CTA Architects were hired to basically start the planning for this facility. Re-evaluation was made on all the sites looked at as potential locations for the museum. At that time, costs were gathered for various site options. The costs over the last six months were generated by the team of consultants to try to provide information to help people like the Capitol Complex Advisory Committee. For cost reasons, the site favored by Tom was the site across the street. The mall site fell out of favor early on. It wasn't even the second most popular site. He asked the consultants to look at using the existing buildings at the mall site. The consultants determined it was only logical that the museum invest in permanent museum quality buildings to house Montana's most important art and documents for 50 to 100 years or even longer. The consultant's main concern was permanent museum buildings being constructed of noncombustible, fire resistant construction. Tom stated the mall has a wooden roof. Does anyone want to put multi-million dollar collections in a facility with a wooden roof? CTA recommended if the mall site was selected,

total demolition of current buildings should take place. New construction would be the best value for the State of Montana and the Montana Historical Society. Tom commented in 38 years of doing architectural business he could count on one hand the times a facility has been underestimated.

Cathy Burwell stated the Chamber of Commerce has been working with the History Foundation and the two-month window to raise \$24 million is the most unrealistic challenge ever made. It would have been ideal to come today with some of that money raised but it takes a lot of time to do that. People are not going to commit money if they think that the State and the History Foundation is not behind the project. People want to know there is a complete package and it is ready to go. She said she is confident the money can be raised.

Sharon Lincoln said the goal of everyone is to have a Heritage Center wherever it goes. The Board can't answer the question where the site selection will be.

Jim Murry asked Matt Cohn how the History Foundation fund raising has been going. Matt commented that the History Foundation Board hasn't made a statement that it prefers one side over another. The Board lobbied with the Montana Historical Society at the 2005 Legislature for the need for a new center. He emphasized that no one has come to the Board and told them to raise the money. They have been talking to people about the concept but they haven't been collecting money. He made it clear the Board wants to see the Society have the home it deserves. Montana's history is built on people with vision. Jim asked if the Foundation has raised any money. Matt commented they have not pursued it.

Sharon Lincoln explained the architects were paid out of the \$37 million spending authority. If the State decides MHS will move to the mall site, \$7 million would go to the mall property owners. The Board would have to go back to the Legislature and ask for more spending authority. Fund raising can't be started until the State decides where we are going to move to. No one in this room has a vote on the decision of where MHS will move.

Mrs. Babcock stated being undecided doesn't get us anywhere. The Governor needs to make a decision. This project should be a top priority.

Sharon Lincoln asked Cheryl Olson if the mall property was purchased would it still be three years until occupancy could take place. Cheryl responded that is the timeline according to the mall owner, however, it would be subject to negotiations.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Richard gave a brief outline of his quarterly report. He announced good discussions were held with the Historic Preservation Program which will be offering a one-time archaeological grant for archaeological investigations in Eastern Montana. He met with a community group in Simms, Montana regarding the preservation of the marvelous J. C. Adams Stone Barn near Simms. He also attended the premier of the Russell Catalog, the major publication that was

premiered in the C. M. Russell Museum in Great Falls. This is most important due to the attendance of major Russell scholars and major art collectors who are also supporters of us. He helped select the new coffee blends for the store. Work continues with the Wolf Point Museum. He visited with two of their board members who came to Helena to discuss their expansion plans. A day long workshop in Great Falls will be held February 19th at the Russell Museum related to exploring the future of the Museum of the Plains Indian in Browning. The Museum of the Plains Indian is in uncertain terms at the funding level. A workshop is being held to look at what the Plains Indian Museum can be. Richard announced he will be traveling to Washington D.C. for the National Historic Preservation conference being held the first week in March. He will visit with the national delegations, friends at the Smithsonian, and the American Association of Museums. The AAM is the primary lobbying force on the hill for all museums and historical societies nationwide. He also will visit with The National Endowment for the Humanities which is a major funding source when any museum starts a new building program. Lastly, Richard stated he wants to again celebrate what Chairman Robert Hoene from the Greater Montana Foundation announced, a \$600,000 commitment to the future of this Historical Society. The GMF Board is fully aware that a site hasn't been selected but yet they were very impressed by the vision we brought them for a Craney Studio concept that is both a place, an architectural space and the programs that go on in that space. This is a major leadership gift for the future of our organization.

Tom Foor presented a motion of appreciation for Director Richard Sims' dedication and hard work in fund raising, outreach programs and general management during a very trying six months. Bill Holt seconded the motion. Jim Murry went on record in support of the motion. He stated that Richard has provided great vision and has been super inclusive of the Board and the staff at the Historical Society. Jim said Richard seeks input from everyone and has covered the whole State of Montana. He carries out the idea that the Historical Society is not just a Helena project but it is a Montana project. Jim noted Richard's leadership really tells him that the Board made the right decision when they put him on the job. John Lepley said it was the first time in all his years of museum work that a director has come out to be part of Montana and the small towns. He noted he wanted to speak for the people of Fort Benton who met and had fun with Richard during Heritage Days stating it was a wonderful experience. **Sharon called for approval of the motion. All voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Denise King promoted the sale of two new coffees presently on display at the museum store which were specially blended for the museum. She announced the remodeling of the new store has started with a March opening being anticipated. Denise reported the Montana History Conference 2007 generated \$3300 in revenue. The executive planning process will start in February for FY 2010 and 2011. Any areas needing to be addressed will be looked at and proposals for MHS will be reviewed. The Senate Art loan was paid off in December. She reported MHS is 50% into the year and expenditures are a little under 50%. Meetings with Program Managers and Richard will take place this next week to review the first six months and to plan for the next six months. The budget is on track. John Lepley asked Denise what fund

the Greater Montana Foundation money will go into and if the money will stay with the History Foundation or MHS. Denise responded the money received from GMF is in a trust account which has been established for the Montana Historical Society. It is an expendable trust account.

HISTORY FOUNDATION REPORT

Elisa Peterson presented a handout "Statement of Accounts" and gave a financial update. She announced the textbook project funds were distributed to the Society in the amount of \$10,734 and \$60,000 was provided for general project related expenses. The Foundation, in working with the Society, signed the contract with Far Country Press for the printing of the textbooks. Payments to the printer are directly handled by the Foundation. \$81,138.00 is expected to be spent in full by the end of this fiscal year. \$11,432.00 is in a contingency fund for now. Discussions have taken place regarding the possibility of printer run-ons and other related expenses. This amount will be to cover the unknown. Once the printing portion is complete the funds remaining will be spent within the textbook project. Elisa stated in December a little over \$30,000 was dispersed to help with the Senate art project loan. The Society has requested that it be converted to a straight disbursement not a loan. The request is in front of the investment committee for approval at this time. The K. Ross Toole Endowment is still small but steadily growing with donations coming in. She reported the Wolf Point Bridge fund can not be expended so it continues to grow. Lee Rostad asked that the \$150,000 be put on the statement of accounts as the starting price for the textbook so a complete picture exists of the price of the textbook.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sharon Lincoln noted that a discussion on the April board meeting scheduled for April 17th and 18th may need to be changed due to Richard and the staff being in attendance at the State Tourism Conference in West Yellowstone. It's Richard's suggestion the Board meet in West Yellowstone on those dates. Richard commented that the synergy of the Board being around representatives from communities from all over the state might be very beneficial. Sharon asked the Board if meeting in West Yellowstone would work for everyone. The consensus of the Board was to change the Board meeting to April 10th and 11th in Helena. Suggestion was made that a sales table be set up at the conference.

Special Projects

Susan Near reported on the accreditation process and the need for a self study. A required element of the process is having a distinct institutional code of ethics. Since the last Board meeting a draft has been compiled. Review of this document is taking place currently. Susan announced that the Board will be receiving a draft copy for their review.

Susan announced work is proceeding on the Smithsonian affiliation. Last May, notification was received that the Society's application for affiliation status was approved. The Smithsonian affiliation will establish a partnership with the Smithsonian. The Society's affiliation puts us on

the map in a national venue. It highlights the fact that MHS has important collections, important projects and educational outreach programs. Work continues on details of a membership component in conjunction with the Smithsonian. Susan pointed out there are three other organizations in Montana that are affiliates: The Fort Peck Dam and Interpretive Center, Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman and Western Heritage Center in Billings. A proposed event agenda was presented for the file. February 15, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. a press conference is scheduled to formally announce the Society's affiliation. Kent Kleinkopf asked Ms. Near what percentage of public and private institutions nationally have this affiliation and how do they view the importance of it. She responded there are 8,000 museums nationwide. She is hoping to invite a speaker to the History Conference from the Smithsonian. Richard commented that the membership relationship is very important because the Society's membership can be offered a Smithsonian membership at a discounted fee. It is a portal to that larger Smithsonian world at a discounted membership rate. The society will make money on every Smithsonian membership it sells. Susan stated the Society will be the beneficiary of having its information on the Smithsonian website.

The success of the year-end appeal was reported by Susan. She stated a donor card was included in the annual membership mailing and as a result of that mailing the Society received almost \$5,000. 1700 packets were sent with 64 responses being returned containing a donation. Out of the 64 responses, 36 were out of state donations and 28 were from in state. Prior to the appeal, 25 donation gifts were received of approximately \$1800. There were 25 memorials totaling approximately \$1500. The total for year 2007, of unsolicited donations, was just over \$9500. One gift was received from an estate. Susan said it is her goal to get the numbers up. A track record has been established. She is working on developing an area on the website where people can donate. Susan also hopes to do a middle of the year solicitation. No one is going to contribute money unless MHS asks for it. Jim Court questioned if it would be appropriate to start thinking about putting a portion of these donations into a permanent endowment fund. He would like to see routinely 10% or 15% of any donations go into an endowment. Sharon commented that it depends on how much of those donations are needed for operating costs because the Society relies on those donations to operate. Jim Utterback said if a savings isn't started, the money is spent. Even a 10% savings is a good start. Susan noted her goal is to start getting everything in place for an endowment plan. Jim Court emphasized the need to start an endowment now. Richard commented the State currently manages many of the Society's funds and manages the investment portfolios. The State is a partner in financial management of many of the Society's assets. Richard advised that the Board discuss the endowment with the Finance Committee and make sure which funds the Society wants to designate and when. Jim Court asked the Board to make this a discussion item at the April meeting.

RESEARCH CENTER PROGRAM REPORT

Molly Kruckenberg presented a continuation of a deaccession request from last quarter. A trade was completed with Stuart McKenzie, a rare book and manuscript dealer from Chinook, Montana. He had a collection of Jeanette Rankin letters that he wanted to trade. In exchange for materials being anticipated for deaccession by the Society the Jeanette Rankin letters were

offered to the Society. This presentation is the remainder of those materials that didn't get included in the deaccession last quarter. Included in the quarterly report packet is the Research Center's quarterly statistics for the months of October – December, 2007. The research center assisted over 14,000 people in 2007. This is the highest number of patrons the center has assisted. Contacts are calculated by mail, email, phone or walk-ins. Molly announced she is very proud of staff for helping such a number of people.

Molly discussed the Montana History Wiki project. This wiki is a quick reference website which will help the general public as well as librarians and teachers learn about Montana history.

Molly reported on the digitalization of a book published in 1976 called *Not in Precious Metals Alone*. This is a joint project with the Outreach and Interpretation Program and Golden Triangle Teachers Curriculum Cooperative. GTTCC donated money to MHS towards digitalizing this book and mounting it on-line. Martha Kohl is looking at the documents in the book to see which might complement the textbook's teacher's guide. This will be a great resource for teachers to use in teaching students how to use primary resources in their research.

Jim Utterback moved approval of the deaccession list. Tom Foor seconded the motion, all voted in favor, and the motion passed.

OUTREACH AND INTERPRETATION PROGRAM REPORT

Kirby Lambert reminded the Board he needs a committee for his newly established program. Sharon Lincoln said she welcomes volunteers from the Board for this program and will reassign members at this time if they wish to change committees. He announced once the museum store moves to its new location the old store will become an interpretative hands-on gallery geared towards children. Also planned is the upgrade to the auditorium with 21st century equipment.

Kirby invited Martha Kohl to talk about the history textbook. Martha presented sample chapters for review. She reminded the Board that the chapters are in draft form. A teacher's guide and a distribution process will be prepared. Grant monies have been collected for this project and some of the funders have stipulated that 5,000 of the textbooks be given away at no charge to schools. An application process is being reviewed for this give away in order to get the books into the teachers' hands who will use them most extensively. Martha pointed out the textbook is aimed at 7th and 8th graders. Richard requested the project calendar be presented by Martha. She gave the timeline from this day forward stating the textbook will go to the printer March 31st. The books will be back from the printer in August. Distribution lists will be drawn for the first shipments going out in September. A companion website and teachers guide is being prepared which will include tests, extension activities and worksheets. The same material will be on the website as of September. The first semester will be used to conduct classroom tests and to work with teachers and evaluate the teacher guide materials. Martha stated evaluation, revisions and then the printing of the reproducibles will take place within the first months. Sharon Lincoln asked Martha if MHS will sell the textbooks. She said there will be enough money to print extras and they will be for sale. 5,000 will be given away and 1,500 will go on sale at a price of

\$49.95. Sharon commented that in July when she was with the History Foundation Board, Tom Donnelly said to her to remember that the textbooks are being printed on donations and MHS would be ill advised to sell the textbooks. Martha stated she met with Amy Sullivan and was told the proceeds will be divided up into several different accounts and one of the accounts could be set up to refund the Bair Trust money. Sharon commented the proceeds could keep going back into the textbook process. Reminder was made that the textbook is coming out under the MHS press imprint. Martha noted a beautiful aspect of the book is the fact that MHS collections, photos, artwork and artifacts are being featured in this textbook. She gave tribute to MHS photo archives and the museum staff. Martha pointed out each chapter ends by highlighting some aspect of either art or technology. Richard announced the textbook isn't just for 7th and 8th graders. He looks forward to buying his own copy. Sharon brought up the idea of folks purchasing a textbook to donate to a library. Kent Kleinhopf told Martha he would like to see word pronunciation incorporated into the textbook. She noted it wasn't brought up in any planning meetings as important to include. Martha pointed out that there is a list of Montana terms, with pronunciations, on the Research Center's Montana History Wiki site.

MUSEUM REPORT

Jennifer Bottomly-O'Looney advised the Board they would find in their packets the loan request from the Denver Art Museum and Gilcrease Museum requesting loan of four Russell paintings. She asked that no action be taken at this time. She said Richard is in the process of contacting the MacKay Family to discuss this potential loan. A copy of the letter to Richard from Lewis Sharp, Denver Art Museum Director, formally asking for this request was also presented. Jennifer asked for the Board's comments on the request. Tom Nygard stated this is a tremendous opportunity. The paintings being offered in exchange for our paintings is virtually a trade up. Richard's decision to contact the MacKay's prior to a total commitment is a reasonable one. If the MacKays understand that their collection is really as important to the country as it is to Montana it should be easy for them to accept. MHS may one day be looking for loans to fill their new building. A changing venue is what draws the local crowds back to the museum. The Russell paintings are the cream of the crop. Richard commented each time MHS loans a major artwork it is a portal to major new support. Jennifer announced Kirby has been invited to write the article about *When the Land Belonged to God* to be included in the catalog brochure.

PUBLICATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Molly Holz encouraged everyone to read the newest edition of the magazine noting the article on water. She said it is dense history but important history. Molly held up a copy of the winter issue drawing attention to the lovely lady on the cover explaining this is only the second time a photograph has been used on the cover of the magazine. A co-publication opportunity with the Fort Peck tribes is presently in the works. MHS has agreed to co-publish this master work of 500 pages written by five authors. It will be a reference book. Molly stated it is an honor to be a part of this project. Work continues on the revision of *Montana Highway Markers* which is an introduced text of the highway markers seen around the state of which there are 70 new ones. The Montana Highway Department is funding this book.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM (SHPO)

Mark Baumler reported the state preservation plan for the next five years has been completed and approved by the National Park Service. This will become the guidance document for preservation in Montana. This document can be reviewed in its draft form on the Historical Society website. In the next few weeks the final document will be loaded on the website. During the Preservation Committee meeting with the Trustees the plan was discussed and it was agreed to that awareness of the plan is a main goal of this year. MHS is the leader in preservation planning in Montana as represented in this plan. Mark will be getting press releases and information out about the plan over the next six months. Discussion is taking place regarding developing brochures available that would highlight the findings, goals and objectives rather than making hard copies of the complete plan.

Mark announced a heritage trails tour guide book that is being developed for Southwest Montana (Butte to Dillon) identifying five trails and the cultural and historic tourism resources people can go to. It was highlighted in yesterday's newspaper. This is one of the projects funded in part under a SHPO Preserve America grant. New money is now being awarded under a second SHPO Preserve America grant program for heritage training and workshop opportunities. Approximately \$35,000 will be awarded in the next month to projects including a heritage festival in Missoula this spring and walking tour brochures in Great Falls. Another round of grants will be announced shortly.

Mark presented for the file an agenda for the upcoming Preservation Review Board meeting to be held in Helena, January 25-26.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Crystal Wong Shors announced the Original Governor's Mansion workshop and a proposed ten year plan. Major basement work in the mansion is being considered with the anticipation of making it a great multi-purpose facility. There are hopes also of making the historic house an event facility. Richard commented the carriage house is being considered as a public use facility rather than a cold warehouse for horseless buggies. He encouraged a venue ready area for weddings.

ADJOURN

Tom Foor moved to adjourn the meeting, William Holt seconded, all voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.