

MINUTES
MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 21, 2016
9:00 A.M. MHS Auditorium
Helena, Montana

Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees members present: Bob Brown, Tom Nygard, Janene Caywood, Kent Kleinkopf, Crystal Wong Shors, Ed Jasmin, Jude Sheppard, Jim Court, Chuck Johnson, Thomas Minckler and Steve Lozar.

Excused Board members: Cliff Edwards, James Utterback, George Dennison and Shirley Groff.

Staff present: MHS Director, Bruce Whittenberg; MHS Membership Coordinator, Rebecca Baumann; MHS Development and Marketing Officer, Susan Near; MHS PR/Media Manager, Tom Cook; MHS SHPO Manager, Mark Baumler; MHS Centralized Services Administrator, Denise King; MHS Collections Manager, Amanda Streeter Trum; MHS Photograph Archives Manager, Lory Morrow.

CALL TO ORDER

President Bob Brown called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Joy Lewis took roll call.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Steve Lozar moved approval of the July 21, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ed Jasmin and carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bob Brown

Bob said that he visited with George Dennison who is receiving Chemotherapy treatments and he reported that George was still sharp as a tack. George suggested that we engage our membership's support for the upcoming Legislative session. He encouraged MHS to coordinate some key meetings around the state with MHS members and other key community members to dialogue about the Bureau of Economic ...Review report for MHS. People could write letters to the editor and to their Representatives and Senators in support of the Heritage Center. He also brought up the idea again of meeting the night before the Board meeting for dinner and informal conversation. Chuck Johnson brought up the fact that we would be violating the "Open Meeting" rule if the Board had a quorum unless we "notice" it. It was suggested that it be put on the Agenda. Bob called for an Executive Session to review Bruce's job performance and the staff stepped out of the room.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Bruce Whittenberg

Lory Morrow introduced Pam Smith, the new Photograph Archivist.

Bruce reviewed MHS's highlights:

Marketing and Development – Susan Near

Sue reported that

Membership – Rebecca Baumann

Rebecca said that membership is doing very well.

MHS PR/Media Manager – Tom Cook

Tom reported that the

PROGRAM MANAGERS' REPORTS:

RESEARCH CENTER – Motion Action -- Deaccession Request – Lory Morrow

Lory presented the quarterly deaccession list and asked for a motion to approve the list. Ed Jasmin moved to approve the deaccession. Chuck Johnson seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.

SHORT BREAK

MUSEUM PROGRAM – Motion Action – Amanda Streeter Trum

A motion was made by Janene Caywood to approve the loan of artworks to the. Kent Kleinkopf seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OUTREACH AND INTERPRETATION – Kirby Lambert

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE – Mark Baumler

Mark reported that

CENTRAL SERVICES – Motion-Denise King

Denise King passed around some new books in the store.

Committee Reports:

Government Relations – Bob

Donor Relations – Ed Jasmin

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT BOARD MEETING – January 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. - Executive Committee – 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Jasmin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jude Sheppard seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. Bob adjourned the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

“The reason that this Society as a whole is going full blast is that we simply can’t believe that full support won’t be forthcoming.” – K. Ross Toole, 1954