

Butte Historic Trust Board Meeting

June 3rd, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via zoom and was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Attending were board members Jason Silvernale, Hattie Thatcher, Levi Mork, Nancy Woodruff, and Sheri Broudy, and Mary McCormick. Tom Boyle has an excused absence. Emma Cunneen attended as staff.

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1. Outside investors

- charitable fund would be the way to go IF that is the route that we went. However, the steering committee, after thorough review, decided that the coop option would be best. This would be a simpler process. Once the co-op is up and running, it will give us another means of raising capital.
- No action needed. Nancy will keep us updated as things progress.

2. New office space

- Emma, Maggie, and Janice are working out hours and setting up the space.
- We need to pay them rent.
- Once Hattie gets the media files from John for our logo, we will get a sign made up to put in the window.

3. Meeting in person

- Is anyone opposed – no
- Meeting at the store front may be a “bring your own chair” situation. Emma, Janice, and Maggie have to clean and organize the space.
- The first in-person meeting will be Thursday, July 1st
- This gives Emma and Maggie a month to make the space useable.

4. Bids for Town Pump House

- Mod Squad gave a bid. The price is nice but powerlines were not included. Their bid would involve cutting the house in half.
- Have not heard from Tamietti yet. Emma spoke to them Wednesday and they said they would send it by the end of the week.
- Fort & Hom rough quote for building the addition and updated to the interior – is quite high. Emma and Jason need to dig into it more.

5. Staff update

- Insurance
 - The Agency is waiting for quotes from their policy writers.

- Payne West needs to re-write the quotes as we now have a physical space.
- Web Site & Social Media
 - Need decided logo for website and Instagram and Facebook
 - Hattie will text john to get logo files.
 - Tom will write John a check
- Outreach to Preserve Montana – Needs to be done.
- Now that we are meeting in person, Emma will compile board notebooks.
- Emma will have time off for wedding/honeymoon. July 19-31. She will be available for phone calls and emails and necessary work on the days leading up to her wedding on July 24th. She will be in Washington to follow for her honeymoon and unavailable for that week.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Jason and Nancy donated the frame and shipping
- No other notes pertaining to treasurer's report.

7. Acquisition Committee Update

- **524 N Franklin**
- Emma called Paul and informed him that we are waiting on bids before we can decide to moving forward or not on that house, but we are still interested. He is in no hurry to sell and said, "It'll be here waiting for you."
- **121 E Aluminum**
- Sheri informed the group of a vacant lot for sale on First Street. The owner may not list it and just sell directly to us if it suits our needs. However, it may not be large enough. The county has been strict about enforcing setbacks per fire suppression reasons. The lot currently has a squatter in a camper on it.
- Emma spoke with Town Pump agent. The agent was following up with us to see if we are still interested and said she hopes that we get it, but they have also had a few bites from other folks.
- Its hard to find a lot that is larger than the typical 30 feet wide, especially in uptown.
- We are still considering the lots for sale at 21 W Center Street. It is four lots with an old house being used as a garage and a trailer sitting on it. If purchased, the pwner would remove the trailer. This lot is appealing because it already has hookups and is large. It is four lots and we could split it and save the other two for another potential house in the future. The price for the property is \$40,000.
- **Arizona Street Church & Houses**
- After review of the property by Sheri, we feel that it is not a viable option. Their realtor stated that they want more than the properties are worth. There is potential interest in the north-most brick house, but that would be a future endeavor.
- Emma will call owners and say it may be out of our price range. If he is willing, we may be willing to purchase the brick house and save it if he has a reasonable price.

8. Logo

- Hattie will follow up with John and confirm which logos we want. (top left and bottom left) John recommends we only use one logo to have consistent branding.
- Tom will write John a check.
- Digital files will be sent to Emma.
- We will get a sign for the window.

Other Business

9. Workshop that we committed to with 1772.

- Part of the grant we received involves us having a workshop in the first year. Nancy suggests doing it in the fall.
- Nancy and Emma will meet to discuss. From there, Emma will reach out to Mary Anthony for suggestions of who to have at the workshop and begin booking professionals