

# Butte Historic Trust Board Meeting

## August 5, 2021, Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:37. Board members in attendance were Jason Silvernale, Tom Boyle, Levi Mork, and Nancy Woodruff. Emma Cunneen attended as staff.

### New Business

#### 1. Tax Auction Properties

Properties available on tax auction are listed at the bottom of the minutes.

The two properties that appear of interest to the board are 423 Jackson Street and 613 W Silver Street. It may be of our interest to get in touch with owners and purchase a property from them. We would offer earnest money to pay back taxes as the paperwork would not go through by the day of the auction, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Emma will reach out to owners and report back to the committee a week from today 8/12 Silver Street & Jackson Street.

### Old Business

#### 1. Potential Purchase of City Lots

Things did not go well. Hattie called on Mary and she was denied the right to speak by chief executive Gallagher, which is not permissible to deny a community member the right to speak. This was an upset, but now we know that bias runs deep. The silver lining is that someone committed to move and rehab the house.

#### 2. Sign for Office Space

Signs are beautiful! Expense is on Tom's Report. Jason, Nancy, and Mary put up sign as well as a window display in our office space.

#### 3. Staff update

##### a. To do:

##### i. Insurance \*

- Emma ask her to do a zoom meeting to explain the policy more.

##### ii. Web Site, Social Media

- All sites are up and running!

##### iii. Workshop

- Can we incorporate our workshop into the Montana Historical Society 3 day event this September?

- Ask for proposal for cost, dates, and times.

She offered a 3–4-hour workshop. Would that be enough time to learn what we need? We could fly her out.

- Emma will reach out to Savana Program and other Revolving Fund programs as well – Funding Techniques

- iv. Purchase of photo right from archives for website
  - Working on narrowing down the photos.
- v. Office hours
  - Emma will work in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-12pm, which is 6 hours total for the 20 hour work week.
  - Janice will get us the monthly cost for internet soon. The internet is up and running!
- vi. Press Release
  - We need to write another press release to get the word out once we get a house
- 4. Treasurer's Report
  - See Tom's email.
- 5. Acquisition Committee Update
  - a. 524 N Franklin
    - Foundation assessment and bid from mason are needed.
    - Emma will touch base with Paul Harper to let him know that we haven't forgotten about him.
    - Emma will go to house across the street from Alaska House and talk to the mason working on the mission.
    - We need to go back and revisit the properties that we sent letters to.
    - Emma will do that and send the list back out to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38

**To do (all are Emma)**

- Reach out to owners of tax auction properties
- Touch base with Paul Harper to let him know that we haven't forgotten about him.
- Continue hounding masons and concrete people
- Try to meet mason at the house across the street from Alaska House
- Revisit the properties that we sent letters to.
- Write press release.
- Set up zoom call with Payne West Insurance
- Purchase photos from archives