

**MORMON BATTALION ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
15 March 2008 -- 9:00 a.m.
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102**

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- Conducting:** Col Norman T. Erekson
- Attending:** Col Norman T. Erekson, MAJ Richard H. Bullock, PRES Annie Erekson, VP Erma Bullock, LTC Max Jamison. By telco LTC Jerome Gourley.
- Excused:** MAJ Tom Coyne; LTC Gaylen Maynes
- Guests:** Judge Advocate Stanford Fitts, LTC Robert Paul, Ed Kimball, COL Clayton Fairbourne
- Invocation:** LTC Max Jamison
1. **Welcome:** Col Norman T. Erekson
 2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of 16 February 2008 were presented for approval. Motion to accept the revised minutes made by MAJ Richard Bullock, seconded by VP Erma Bullock. Vote passed.
 3. **Calendar:** The calendar was presented and discussed, with several items added.
 4. **Members:** VP Erma Bullock presented the name of Margaret Dana Jorgenson of Troy, Michigan and Charles R. Nelson of Corvallis, Oregon as new Annual Members. Renewing Annuals members were Brian L. Taylor of Ogden and Rollo H Brunson of St. George. A motion to accept these members was made by PRES Annie Erekson, seconded by LTC Max Jamison, vote passed.
 5. **Financials:** COL Norm Erekson reported the financial condition as given him by MAJ Tom Coyne. Motion to accept the financial report made by VP Erma Bullock, seconded by PRES Annie Erekson, vote passed.
 6. **Building:** COL Norm Erekson announced that Judge Advocate Stanford Fitts has accepted the role of fundraiser for the building project. He will also chair a committee consisting of himself, LTC Bob Paul, COL Clayton Fairbourne and MAJ Richard Bullock, to interface with management of This Is the Place Heritage Park. Bob Paul has received a letter from park management that they want to control the building after it is finished. They want to have us provide docents, etc. The committee will discuss all details regarding the park. Stanford Fitts has agreed to actively seek out the remaining funding required to complete the project.

The question of even having a building was posed and Ed Kimball responded. United States historical groups are held together because of activity. Reenactors have something going on every month. Project completion can increase membership and historical interest.

He then enumerated several projects that he has been involved with across the country. As regards the building; Heritage Park has been leasing property for meetings and weddings. We could also lease our building. The auditorium has been re-designed to seat 70 persons. Tourism in Utah is now concentrated in Cedar City, not Temple Square. National tour buses make Cedar City one of their featured stops. If we provide a room where the drivers can relax, eat, make phone calls, and go on-line, they will encourage stopping at our building. We would need to prepare a good brochure hand-out that could be presented to the Travel & Tourism Association and be willing to present our position to the National Tourism Convention.

Charitable Foundations will donate to specific projects that they are interested in supporting. An example is that Home Depot has agreed to furnish our project with trees and landscaping materials. The project is doable but needs financing and Ed agreed to help with fund-raising projects. His experience has been that as the building progresses more people will want to get involved and donate.

LTC Robert Paul. The project is inspired from above to remember the 500. He then discussed the sequence of buildings that have been proposed and not used, and the various locations. The present position of the building is inspired because it sits in sight of the location where Brigham Young uttered those famous words, "This is the right place." Brigham Young negotiated with the Indians and Government to get the Pottawattamie Agreement. This agreement not to attack the Saints traveling to the West allowed Brigham Young to proceed with the migration.

Now the utilities are being installed, adding \$250,000 in value to the park. The monuments are being cast. Larry H. Miller has the first full size monument in storage where we can get measurements for the required concrete base. Lynn Tegland will do this in June. An abbreviated version of the project would be an alternative to consider. He then went on to discuss the details and financial status, including materials and artifacts, cash, and in-kind donations pledged. Cash on hand less upcoming expenses leave us short \$1,000,000 to finish the entire project. Question is how much more are we willing to do? A question asked about the Parks responsibility for care of the grounds etc. was posed. LTC Paul indicated that has not yet been decided with the Park. The general feeling is that we go ahead to try and finish the project.

Ed Kimball showed new plans for the building and discussed its advantages and changes.

A motion to go ahead with all three phases of the project, including raising \$1 million more in funding was made by LTC Max Jamison, seconded by MAJ Richard Bullock. Vote passed.

Dismissed for preparation for second meeting. 10:30 a.m.