

Birge Fountain Committee
Minutes, April 12, 2011
White Memorial Building – Downstairs

Board members present: Chuck Nass (Public Works representative), Linda Loomer (Landmarks Appointee), Rod Dalee, Jim Allen, M. Kienbaum and Alan Lockett.
Also in attendance: Roy Nosek

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made to approve minutes from 2010. Motion was made by Jim Allen, 2nd by Rod Dalee. All were in favor.

Committee proposed looking into the Whitewater Community Foundation managing all Birge Fountain Committee funds. Rod Dalee will investigate.

Chuck Nass will meet with Russ Fero to get his lock box key.

Sound blasting and Soda Blasting of the fountain were discussed. Roy Nosek said there were at least 2 coats of paint on it. Rod Dalee thought that the fountain could be painted at least 6 times before paint removal.

Roy had talked to a sand blasting company. One had recommended silica sand or glass bead (on stainless steel). One quote for the work was sandblasting and priming for \$1,200. A UWW professor had recommended a fix primer with a compressor dryer.

Chuck Nass will have his staff paint the base in brown after the priming.

Dry brushing of the highlights would follow done by volunteers.

Roy said that RainX can be purchased by the gallon and can be used to shield the statue from lime deposits.

Linda Loomer reported that she had talked to Linda Long from the Arts Alliance in order to find artists to help with the repainting and paint selection.

Roy commented on chemical patina on bronze.

The committee and Roy discussed painting of the base. The committee preferred to keep the bronze in its patina state if it was too difficult to clean-up. Chuck Nass said he will try a brass cleaner in a hidden

Motion was made that Roy contact sandblaster, get a contract to do the job for \$1,200 (not to exceed \$1,500) to include sandblasting and priming, and set a date to have the job done late May.

Motion was made by Jim Allen, 2nd by Chuck Nass. All were in favor.

Rod Dalee will ask if the city will pay for the painting since it is upkeep and maintenance.

Linda Loomer made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jim Allen.

Chuck reported that the fountain will be started up next week.

Next meeting was scheduled for Fall 2011.

Motion to adjourn was made at p.m. by Jim Allen and 2nd by Linda Loomer. All were in favor.

R. Alan Lockett, Secretary