

## **Cass Gilbert Society Board Meeting Minutes**

August 14, 2008 5:30 PM

University Club of St. Paul 420 Summit Avenue

*Present:* Bonnie Alton, Nick Marcucci, Marjorie Pearson, Cindy Stephani, Jean Velleu,  
Jim Groskopf, , Sonja Mason, Linda Bjorklund, Wendy Weimer

*Absent:* Vincent Platt, Jim Hirsh, Lana Mahoney, MaryMichael Connolly

*Guest:* Tom Blanck

- The meeting was called to order @ 5:30PM by Wendy Weimer.
- The minutes of the July meeting were unanimously approved.

Wendy presented the Treasurer's report.

### **Old Business**

1. Lectures/Events :
2. Media outlets will be informed of the upcoming September events by Bonnie Alton:

Monday September 15th lecture at 7 p.m. on Ralph Adams Cram, a contemporary architect of Cass Gilbert, by Ethan Anthony at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church;  
Bonnie will coordinate the serving of refreshments at the church.

The Board authorized the purchase of several copies of The Architecture of Ralph Adams Cram and His Office for sale after the lecture.

Sunday September 28th - house and garden tour  
Jean Velleu reported a time change for the house tour on September 28. The tour will be from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. We will allow thirty minutes per house; each owner-architect will make a 5-7 minute presentation. The tour will be limited to twenty people at a time. We will need 2 volunteers per house, plus the garden, as well as 2 volunteers for refreshments. The house tour committee will coordinate all volunteers. The price of a ticket will be \$20 for CGS members and \$25 for non-members. Tickets will be available at each house.

3. The date of the annual lecture and dinner was also noted:  
Tuesday November 11, 2008 - meeting at 5 p.m. dinner at 5:30  
Lecture by Kate Solomonson at 7 p.m.

### **Special Events:**

4. Marjorie is working on a proposal for a Cass Gilbert Study Trip with the National Society for Architectural Historians for St. Paul in 2010 and, if successful, on to New York in 2011.
5. On August 14th the Board unanimously authorized Jim Hirsh to submit a proposal to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) for Cass Gilbert Society members to participate in a research/study trip to Cuba. A specific goal of the proposed trip is to determine the role architect Cass Gilbert may have had in the design of the capitol building in Havana, Cuba.

### **New Business**

Linda Bjorklund and Cindy Stephani will contact proposed new Board members and officers for 2009-2011. They will present their names at a future meeting.

Marjorie reported that the University of Chicago Press has recently published Gail Fenske's book about the Woolworth Building. Ms. Fenske would be a good candidate to present a future lecture to members of the Cass Gilbert Society, possibly in February'09.

- The next meeting of the Cass Gilbert Society is September 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Cindy Stephani