

April 18, 2019

Dear Members,

First of all, I want to thank you for your continuing support of the Cottonwood Mansion Preservation Foundation. If it were not for people like you we would not be celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of this project. Our formal celebration will take place at our:

**Annual General Meeting
Scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 25th.**

A traditional potluck lunch of years past will follow the meeting. Members are asked to bring a hot or cold dish and many may wish to bring food from the Mansion's recipe book.

You will have the opportunity to meet our new Administrative Assistant, Walter Plaenksken, who has been volunteering at the Mansion for three years and is now taking on this position.

We have received a federal grant of \$4271.00 for a position for a summer employee and are hoping that ours will be in place by the AGM.

On the outside chance you are unable to attend I am enclosing a proxy form for you. We need to receive these ten days before the meeting and will appreciate your help in getting the proxy to us by then but we really hope that you will be there yourself.

I want now to tell you of a decision made by the trustees present at our April 18th meeting. We are now moving to what is usually called "paperless correspondence". It was not an easy decision to make, but the costs of printing and of mailing are now so high that we feel that this is the only way to go to keep costs down as much as possible.

We know that many of you prefer paper but we are hoping that you will do what some members are now doing. They have a computer Buddy from whom they get our electronically sent announcements. They also get a chance to chat with that person and it works well for them. We're hoping that you will be able to set up the same because we now intend to be in touch with our members monthly. We also are revising our website and are in the process of returning it to its original format with pictures and information.

We would request that you would consider taking a position on the board and lend your knowledge and enthusiasm to the decisions that need to be made to maintain and enhance the Cottonwood Mansion experience.

A proxy, for the use of those unable to attend the meeting, is included with this announcement.

If you have any questions or suggestions for us please don't hesitate to call us at 905 776 2538. We will return your call.

Sincerely,
Richard Hoover
President
Cottonwood Mansion Preservation Foundation