

Gardner Historical Museum, Inc.

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General Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2017

Call to Order: President Shirley V. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with ten board members, and three museum members present.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Kim J., seconded by Solene H. to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kim J. presented the Treasurer's Report for February. A bill from Quindaro Press for \$35.88 for four copies of "Revolutionary Heart" by Diane Eickhoff was presented for approval. A motion was made by Connie E. seconded by Kim to approve payment of the bill and the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report will be filed with the minutes.

Old Business: 2017 Budget Report: The 2017 budget will be emailed to the Board when it is ready for distribution.

Mission Statement: There are several versions of the museum mission statement available. Aaron C. will combine them and present a selection to choose from.

2016 Financial Check: John S. and Claude S. conducted the annual financial review. No discrepancies were found.

Exhibit Planning (GFWC Athena Exhibit – Sept. 2017): Linda L. reported that the GFWC Athena Club will prepare an exhibit for display at the Chat Fest.

City of Gardner Bed Tax: The letter to the City has been submitted requesting \$10,000 for 2018.

Events – Chat Fest and Festival on the Trails: This topic was discussed during the Annual Meeting. The Events and Archives committees will meet jointly at the regularly scheduled March Events committee meeting to discuss how the two committees can work together to prepare exhibits and events using the museum's artifacts supplemented with loaned items.

Board and Docent Address Updated: An updated address list was emailed to the Board.

Chamber New Family Welcome Packets: The Board discussed ideas for providing museum information to the Chamber of Commerce for distribution to new Gardner/Edgerton residents. The Board decided that a generic information sheet about the museum and Bray House, along with a notecard and envelope would be appropriate.

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New Business: Newsletter: A volunteer is need to help write a newsletter that would provide quarterly updates to the museum membership. The City has offered to work with us for a year on the project. A suggestion was made to approach the high school journalism department for assistance.

Mural: Johnson County Parks and Rec is planning an art exhibit at the new Johnson County Museum on Metcalf. Nancee asked about the possibility of loaning the Lavin mural for display at their new building. The Board agreed it would be good exposure for the Museum.

City of Gardner Parks and Rec: Gardner's new Parks and Rec supervisor has obtained a grant to build a sports complex and trail system that would also be tied to tourism. He would like to attend a future Board meeting.

City of Gardner Art Exhibit: The City is planning an art exhibit. Sue will prepare a list of the museum's pieces for possible inclusion.

Utilize volunteers: The museum needs extra volunteers who can help when extra hands or assistance with exhibits/events is needed.

Standing Committees: (In the list below, the Committee Chair is listed first, with the Committee Members in parenthesis.)

Acquisitions/Archives (Exhibits) – Sue (Claude, Aaron, Shirley, Tressa, Nancee, Sean)
Meeting: **Tuesday March 21st 4:00**

Events Committee (Exhibits/Events/Fundraising) – (Connie E, Ruth B, John, Cheryl W.) Meeting: **March 20th 10:00**

Maintenance /Housekeeping – Claude (Rob, Judy A.)

Grounds keeping/Landscaping- Ruth B/Mary C (Cheryl W.)

Museum Growth (Membership/PR/Grants/Fundraising, StEPS) – Nancee (Kim, Linda, Laura, Claude, Sue G., Aaron) Meeting: **March 4th, 12:30.**

Volunteers – Laura (Nancee)

For Your Information: In February, we had 3 visitors who signed the guest book at the MUSEUM.

**Next General Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2017, 6:00pm
at the Bray House**

Motion by Connie, seconded by Sean to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. Motion carried.