

Gardner Historical Museum, Inc.

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General Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2018

Call to Order: President Shirley V. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with eleven board members and three guests present. Motion by Aaron C., seconded by Solene H. to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 5 meeting were presented for approval. The minutes were amended to say that the City of Gardner had awarded the museum \$20,000 for 2019 with the possibility of another \$20,000 in 2020. The minutes were also amended to say that Solene is sending thank you notes to visitors rather than Solene and Connie. Marcia G. moved, seconded by Connie E. to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for April was presented. There were no bills to be approved. A decision on the use of memorial funds is needed at the next meeting. Connie E. moved, seconded by Claude S. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Old Business: Website Discussion: The board discussed history and photos to post on the website each month. Some tweaks and adjustments need to be made on the website.

Sebring Project/Exhibit: Copyrighting the Sebring book will be a one-time cost of \$164 through Legal Zoom. This includes federal filing and the copyright. Claude moved, seconded by Aaron to pay the fee. Motion carried. Kevin Keltner will photograph the Sebring exhibit on May 12.

Membership: Solene sends thank you cards to visitors. Their email addresses are added to the distribution list.

Events/Exhibits:

Festival on the Trails: Need ideas for kids' activities, volunteers to help and to provide cookies and lemonade. Wagon rides start at noon. Chat Fest preparation is on track. The display this year will feature the Gardner Masonic Lodge.

Homes Tour: Two homes have been confirmed for the Christmas Homes tour on December 1.

All School Reunion: Planning is in progress.

Bunco Tournament: The Senior Center has been reserved for June 23. A notice will be sent to the City and the Chamber.

July thru September Exhibit: Founding Families. Dates are needed for the genealogy workshops.

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Bray House Furnace Estimate: Hickman's made repairs at the museum which will remedy the frozen pipes. Cost \$585. The estimate to replace the A/C and furnace in the Bray House attic is \$5,985. The cold air return will be placed in the closet. Nancee will invite Don to the next meeting, and will ask if the cold air return work can be done this year with the remainder completed next year.

Inventory Project: The inventory plan is working well although progress is slow. Research on items not marked or loaned will be done this summer. Past Perfect entry also is going well.

Rotary Presentation: Laura's Sebring presentation and Aaron's archeology presentation at the April 26 Rotary meeting went very well.

Doll House Donation: The doll house is on display at the Bray House. A Downtowner menu, Leonard Sebring's Corona standard manual typewriter, and a scrapbook concerning the Up with People group from Peggy Cramer were presented for acceptance. Motion made by Claude, seconded by Aaron to accept the items as presented. Motion carried.

Referrals for Membership(s) and Volunteers: Ongoing request.

Goals: Museum goals from 2016 were reviewed.

New Business: GEHS Assistance from Students: Jacob and Nicholas Brokaw and Parker Tenove presented a plan to develop an app tour of the museum for phone or iPad. The app would entail using a QR code to access individual item descriptions or to provide a full museum tour. The students will produce a mockup of the app and develop monthly costs.

JCKHF Events/Fundraisers: Tabled until next meeting.

"Aaron the Archaeologist" Field Day at the Museum: Aaron's archaeology presentations are well received at the schools. A field day at the museum is being planned possibly the third week of August to mid-September. People can either watch or participate. They can also bring items for identification. The event would include the hotdog trailer. Proceeds from hotdog sales are split 50/50 after expenses. The event will be added to the school calendar.

Purchase Voice Recorder for Meetings: Tabled until next meeting.

Special Meeting Date: Date will be emailed when available.

From Annual Meeting: Officers and Board Duties/Responsibilities, By-Laws Committee: Tabled until next meeting.

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Committee Reports: More at future meeting, after designated Officers have met and discussed.

Acquisitions/Archives–

Events Committee -

Exhibits Committee -

Leonard Sebring Project –

Maintenance /Housekeeping –

Grounds keeping/Landscaping –

Museum Growth -

Volunteers –

For Your Information: *In April we had 31 visitors who signed the guest book at the MUSEUM.*

Next General Board Meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2018, 6:00pm at the Bray House

Motion by Claude, seconded by Solene to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.