

Gardner Historical Museum, Inc.

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General Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2018

Call to Order: President Shirley V. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with eight board members and one museum member present. Motion made by Marcia G., seconded by Connie E. to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June 7 meeting were presented for approval. The spelling of Kramer Hall will be corrected. Nancee R. moved, seconded by Solene H. to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for June was presented. \$200 was moved to petty cash. Nancee renegotiated the Century Link contract to continue the discount. There were no bills for approval. The company matching funds donation from Benevity Fund will be deposited to the Petty Cash account. The museum will receive approximately \$100 every three months. Motion made by Laura Mc., seconded by Marcia to leave \$2,300 (seven monthly payments) in the Mortgage Account and move the remaining balance to the Grant Account. Motion carried. Treasurer's report approved.

Old Business: Memorial Donations: The board discussed suggestions to use the memorial funds. A sign displaying the history of the Johnson County Fair in memory of Ruth Hadle will be donated, leaving those funds still available. Bettie Turner was a member of the original committee to organize the museum. Something in the museum of Bray House will be named in her honor.

Use of Matching Funds Discussion: Aaron C. has requested that the matching funds from Century Link (\$1,000 annually) be used to help pay travel expenses and fees for continuing education. Motion by Nancee, seconded by Laura to use the Century Link matching funds for continuing education. Motion carried. This will be readdressed should the funds not be used.

Website: GEHS Assistance from Students and Michael Blanchard: Laura met with Michael Blanchard discuss updates, adding a Facebook link and bulletin board to the main page, and other revisions to the website. Tricia Colgrove will be assisting with website maintenance. The app that the students are producing will use the docent script to produce a virtual tour. Michael suggested using a more secure means of sending emails to museum membership.

Sebring Book, Manuluk, copyright: The digital copy submitted has been questioned as to how the museum gained possession of the book. Nancee will check on how the book was obtained.

Events/Exhibits:

Festival on the Trails/Chat Fest/Wagon to Museum: The Chat Fest went well. The Masons provided a nice exhibit. Approximately 200 people rode the wagon to the museum. Souvenir sales was approximately \$35.

Bunco Tournament: Twenty- two people attended the tournament held June 23 at the Senior Center. The museum netted \$362.25 from the tournament.

ONAS Reunion: The ONAS Reunion met at the Administration Building. \$63 in military souvenirs was sold.

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Events/Exhibits continued:

July thru September Exhibit: The Founding Families exhibit is complete.

Saturday, July 14, Genealogy Workshop/Guest Speaker: The workshop will be held from 12 – 4 pm starting with a speaker at the museum speaking on starting family research. The group will move to the Bray House for the actual research.

Archaeology Field Day: Being planned for after Labor Day.

Sept. 29 -30 CAF Air Expo: Need volunteers to set up the booth on Friday, September 28th. The Expo runs from 9 -5 on Saturday and Sunday.

Oct – Mid Nov: World War I 100th Anniversary: Planning in progress.

Cemetery Walk: The Walk will be held October 6. Planning is in progress.

Homes Tour 2018: Plans are progressing.

Bray House Furnace Estimate: Don Hickman explained how the work to replace the furnace and air conditioning needs to be done. The work to redesign and relocate the return air can be done separately with the work completed this fall. The furnace and air conditioner must be installed at the same time, but can be delayed until early spring. Motion made by Marcia, seconded by Laura to replace the venting this fall and the furnace and air conditioner in the spring. Motion carried. The work will be scheduled on Hickman's calendar.

Inventory Project: Work will resume on the project. Past Perfect is being caught up.

Doll House Donation: The doll house will be moved to the Children's Room.

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

New Business: Correspondence: Correspondence was received from Katie Reece, Stephanie Reece, and Susan Pedersen. Jason Camis asked whether the museum would like to participate in the Women in Business breakfast by doing something in conjunction with a special program presented by Marci Penner author of the Kansas Guidebook for Explorers.

Volunteer Thank You/Recruitment Party/Special Meeting Date: Need ideas.

Acquisitions: Four boxes of historical books on trains was donated to the museum. Motion by Laura, seconded by Solene to keep any books pertaining to Gardner and donate the rest. Nancee has recent school yearbooks and a Hermon family bible to be donated. The family history will be scanned for the archives. Motion by Connie to accept the donations. Motion carried.

Kansas Humanities, Vietnam Stories: The project is to record war stories. The information will be forwarded to Claude.

JCKHF Events/Fundraisers: The first JCKHF event is August 12 from 5 – 8 pm at the Mahaffie Heritage Center. Shirley has five tickets to the event.

Purchase Voice Recorder for Meetings: Motion by Connie, seconded by Laura to purchase a voice recorder costing no more than \$50. Motion carried.

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From Annual Meeting: Officers and Board Duties/Responsibilities, By-Laws Committee: Still needs to be completed.

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 June we had 19 visitors who signed the guest book at the MUSEUM and 27 on Festival Day – Total of 46.

Next General Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2018, 6:00pm at the Bray House

Motion to adjourn 8:30 pm.