

NCHS Called Board Meeting – June 20, 2017

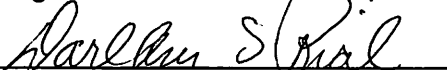
Anita Heiman, President, presided over an informal Nemaha County Historical Society board meeting at noon on June 20<sup>th</sup> called to discuss three topics. In attendance were Anita Heiman, Marlene Geysler, Patty Byers, Alma and Bob Ackerman, Ray Thieme, Karen Holthaus, DarlAnn Rial and Director Diane Rottinghaus. Melvin Baker called into the meeting from his driver's education class.

One of the discussions centered on the qualifications of the person being appointed by the newly elected Bancroft Preservation Association board to the Nemaha County Historical Society board. The BPA board election is to be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. prior to the annual picnic. The new BPA board will appoint a representative to the NCHS board who would replace current representative Freda Dobbins. Everyone in attendance at called board meeting agreed that the only requirement was that that person must be a member of BPA and NCHS. They didn't see any reason that residency would impact their board qualifications since they were appointed by the BPA board.

The second discussion addressed a membership inquiry from Manhattan, Kansas. The lady who made the inquiry spoke at several 2014 Night at the Museum events and bought books and insists that she paid for a five-year membership to NCHS in September 2014. Greg Newlin had submitted an inquiry on her part several months ago, but no record of her membership or check was found. Recently, Marcia Philbrick submitted the same inquiry on the lady's behalf. Extensive research of all the financial files still revealed no record of such a transaction which at that time would have been \$100. Treasurer Ray Thieme called the lady in Manhattan, Kansas and discussed the situation on the morning of June 20<sup>th</sup>. After the phone call, Ray recommended to the assembled board members that a 5-year membership be issued starting June 20, 2017 since the lady has made several trips to speak at NCHS events without compensation. The board members agreed and Membership Chairman Alma Ackerman will issue the 5-year membership with note of apology.

The third discussion was an inquiry from Bob Ackerman as a representative of the group working to move the water fountain from the Seneca City Park to the Seneca Free Library grounds. Bob asked if parts of the historic fountain can be stored at the Historical Museum as the fountain is dismantled. The assembled board members agreed that the fountain parts could be stacked in the outdoor space behind the rose bushes and between the Jail and Annex I.

There being no further official business, the called meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Signed:  DarlAnn S. Rial, Corresponding Secretary

Additional Notes:

- Mike Stallbaumer sent pictures of the new flag poles now installed.
- Dick Miller has submitted the final invoice for the Jail & Sheriff's Residence windows. He has agreed to make three more screens for windows that have never had screens.
- Richard Schmitz's home phone number on the NCHS roster is incorrect. His home phone is 785-336-6596