

Nemaha County Historical Society  
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting  
October 17, 2017

Prior to the meeting, pizza and breadsticks were served to Board members and guests.

President Anita Heiman called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. Those Board members in attendance were Anita Heiman, Raymond Thieme, DarlAnn Rial, Greg Newlin, Robert Ackerman, Alma Ackerman, Karen Holthaus, Marlene Geysler, and Patty Byers. Director Diane Rottinghaus and guest Dick Miller were also in attendance.

The meeting agenda was suspended in order for Dick Miller to give his report. The following projects have been completed:

- Bats have been taken care of.
- Counterflashing on the roof has been fixed.
- Southwest corner of the sheriff's residence and jail building had a crack that has been fixed.
- Small joints in cracks on the outside of the building have been caulked.
- Damage to the chimney where water had been running down has been caulked and sealed. The metal cap has been painted.
- Cracks in the terrazzo on the Sheriff's residence west porch have been filled.

Dick recommended refurbishing the north side of the Temple by power washing the foundation and then pointing the bricks around the foundation.

As for his recommendation for the Railroad Depot display, Dick suggested a 10x16 foot area that faces west and has a gable roof and overhang, covered with imitation wood shingles. He suggested the walls of the depot be covered with lap siding above and car siding below, with snap and lock flooring. Funding for all of Dick's projects will be funded from leftover grant funds. He estimated the following: \$3000—repair jail ceiling; \$1100—pointing the outside corners of the Temple; \$2000—Railroad Depot display; \$1500—north porch footings; \$1000—repairing terrazzo.

Robert moved and DarlAnn seconded the motion to authorize Dick Miller to construct the Railroad Depot display and point the Temple bricks. Motion carried unanimously.

Patty presented the minutes from the August 8, 2017 Quarterly meeting, which had been emailed to everyone prior to this meeting. Alma moved and Marlene seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Raymond presented the financial report for the third quarter. The beginning balance was \$48,959.99. Expenses in the third quarter totaled \$23,431.11, leaving an ending balance of \$33,634.46. In addition, NCHS has the following investments:

CD at United Bank in the amount of \$10,000

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Dorothy Pearl Murphy investment with Edward Jones in the amount of \$14,607.30

Burger Trust Funds totaling \$40,000 (of which only the interest earned is available to NCHS)

Robert moved and Karen seconded the motion to approve the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Diane reported that we have had a lot of tours of the museums, mainly from out of town guests.

Alma presented the following yearly membership fees for adoption beginning in 2018:

\$20.00 individual membership with email copy of the newsletter

\$25.00 individual membership with hard copy of newsletter

\$200.00 lifetime individual membership

\$100.00 corporate membership (will include an ad in each newsletter plus sponsorship of either Golf Tournament or Tractor Cruise)

\$35.00 business membership (listed business member in newsletter with no advertising)

Alma moved and Raymond seconded the motion to adopt the revised membership fees as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

DarAnn moved and Karen seconded a motion for Greg to pursue electronic distribution of the Pioneer Press. Motion carried unanimously.

Marlene showed a rough copy of the newly revised museum flyer. She asked for suggestions and corrections. The student who is working on creating this flyer will make the necessary corrections and she will present it for approval at the next meeting.

Marlene reported that the September Highway 36 garage sale was a success and netted \$1079.15.

Karen explained the revised Temporary Custody Form that donors fill out and sign. Following discussion, DarAnn moved and Ray seconded a motion to have each box on the form that applies to the donation be initialed by the donor. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg reported that he is continuing work on the creamery series for the Pioneer Press.

Greg reported that he and his partner have removed plants from the north side of the sheriff's residence and that he is now looking for plants that will thrive in shaded areas.

Greg also reported that the Evening at the Museum program has been widely advertised for Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:00p.m. here at the museum. Louis Cruse, a Buffalo Soldier from World War II, will be the featured speaker.

Patty reported that Kylee Luckeroth is in the planning stages of developing a Passport Day for Seneca, where folks would be issued a "passport" to enter the local museums and then offered a discount at area businesses. Board members were generally in favor of participating in such an event and would like more information as it becomes available.

Robert submitted his maintenance report to all Directors via email prior to the meeting. In addition, he mentioned the following:

- All three dehumidifiers will be off when the temperature is below 50\*.
- Special care needs to be taken of all the artifacts located in the Temple while restoration is ongoing.
- Larry Buessing just donated a beautiful working Edison phonograph.
- Jerry Claas brought in a box of commemorative military ribbons.

DarAnn reported on the HTF grant which is helping pay for renovations to the Military Museum. At the current time, \$13,050 had been spent, with \$8,440 reimbursed, leaving our expense of \$4,608. The focus of the HTF grant has changed somewhat due to contractors' availability. The grant will now cover the electric grid, ceiling, and foundation repair. It will not cover the basement renovation or repair of the front steps, façade, pillars, or sidewalk. Randy Krogman gave an estimate on drywall today.

DarAnn further explained that she will apply for a STEP grant to pour footings for the north porch on the sheriff's residence. She presented the projected 2017 Operating Budget (without grant activity) which will be used when applying for grants.

DarAnn also reported that meetings with Glacial Hill representatives will be held November 7 and 14 at 5:00p.m. here at the museum.

The agenda was again suspended so Jonathan Stallbaumer could speak to the Board concerning his proposed Eagle Scout project. His schedule this fall has been very hectic and work on the proposed project will probably not begin until spring 2018. He has found donors for moving dirt and hauling rock. We will remain on hold until we hear back from Jonathan. Lisa Stallbaumer updated the Board on Bryant's Eagle Scout project. It is very near completion, with only the electrical left to finish up. Veterans Day, November 11, was suggested as a dedication date for Bryant's project.

Karen reported that her brother and sister-in-law have volunteered to chair the 2018 Golf Classic. They will chair the event but do not want to be involved in fund raising.

DarlAnn reported that the EMT committee is OK with having to wait until renovations at the Military Museum are complete before they install their EMT memorial bench.

Discussion was held on the sale of the Raider Head, which was donated to the museum in the summer of 2017. DarlAnn moved and Greg seconded a motion to contact the two known interested parties and ask them to submit sealed bids for its sale. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on new Board members was held. Patty will contact Bruce Stanley to see if he has made up his mind. Marlene announced that she will be retiring from teaching following the 2017-18 school year and will likely be moving to Lawrence.

Following a brief discussion on the independent contractor's contract, DarlAnn moved and Alma seconded a motion to renew the contract for independent contractor Diane Rottinghaus, The contract specifies a salary of \$8.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Anita stressed to the Board that when we book the museum with outside groups, we need to be receiving \$5.00 per person.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting date: Annual Meeting February 13, 2018

Submitted by Patty Byers, Recording Secretary