

Nemaha County Historical Society
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting
November 7, 2017

President Anita Heiman called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Those Board members in attendance were Anita Heiman, Raymond Thieme, DarlAnn Rial, Karen Holthaus, and Patty Byers. Marcia Philbrick and Cathy Holthaus were also in attendance.

Prior to the executive board meeting, Jeanne Carmen Sauer and husband from Cary, NC visited the museum with her sister-in-law, Darnelle Wiyiltz of Sabetha. Ray gave them a tour of the jail and Sheriff's residence where Jeanne's grandfather, Charles E Carmen had served sheriff for three terms. Sheriff Carmen is the man that wrote the article about the "dead woman in the truck" article for the Detective magazine. Jeanne's mother was born in the Sheriff's residence and her birth certificate "in the Nemaha County Jail" in the line for "place of birth". Research was done and photographs taken for publication.

Memorial Plaques:

A \$1,000 donation was received in the mail today from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Werner of TN in memory of Morris Werner to be used on the Temple Project and Archives. A discussion with Joyce Olberding earlier in the day resulted in the suggestion that the plaques for the Memorial boards (Historical and Military) be colored-coded according to amount donated, i.e. gold colored for \$1,000, etc. On a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Ray Thieme, the executive board approved the motion to color-code the donation plaques according to donated amounts. Joyce Olberding will investigate and develop the different color-codes to be used.

Veterans Day Activities:

Two days, Friday and Saturday, November 10th and 11th has been set aside for tours at the Military Museum from 10-4 p.m. Bryant Stallbaumer's Eagle Award Project of flags and medallions will be dedicated at 10 a.m. on Saturday. NCHS will serve sheet cake both days with coffee at the military museum. Marlene Geysler sent a recipe for the sheet cake to board members. Joyce O and Patty Byers will each bring a sheet cake plus Diane Rottinghaus will work on Friday. Ray Thieme will work on Friday and Saturday and bring cookies for the historical museum where DarlAnn Rial will be stationed both days. Marlene Geysler and Karen Holthaus will bring sheet cakes and work on Saturday. We will serve on the table in the military library and be present for the dedication at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Four to six heaters will set up in the serving and receiving areas. Ads and articles have been placed in the Courier-Tribune and Sabetha Herald. Each ad will cost \$22 in each paper. The fifty-cup coffee pot at the museum will be used on Friday and Marlene will bring a 100-cup coffee pot for Saturday. On a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Ray Thieme, the executive board approved the Veterans Day events.

Membership and Newsletters:

Membership renewals are being received every day. Many are checking that they want to continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter and have paid the extra \$5.00. Since the Board of Directors decided to discontinue the annual Mailing Permit fee of \$211 and send most of the newsletters by 1st class mail or emails, the executive board agreed to review the membership list over the next month and add as many emails as possible. Marcia Philbrick called the Communication Director at the Nemaha Central High School and developed an agreement to work with the Communication Class to print, fold, sticker and label the newsletters starting in January 2018 for 50 cents per copy per quarter. Museum Volunteers would print the labels from the Excel Updated Membership List and give to the Communications class. Greg Newlin would continue to write and edit the newsletter send to the Communications class or send to Marcia Philbrick if formatting was needed. Sponsorship of \$100 would permit the business to print an ad in all four newsletters each year: January to

January. Business memberships would be listed in the newsletter, but no ad would be printed. Ray Thieme will copy membership checks, print application and give to Secretary Patty Byers who will update Excel membership list and place copies in Membership Chairman Alma Ackerman's inbox at the museum. On a motion by Ray Thieme and second by DarlAnn Rial, the board approved the membership and newsletter communication plan. Lifetime memberships were discussed and executive board agreed to place that issue on the Annual Meeting agenda.

2018 Grant Filings:

DarlAnn Rial, grant administrator, announced that the HTF Temple project proposal had been approved by KSHS today. Anita Heiman signed the agreement and it was sent to Architect Stan Hernly to work out the contract with Jay Hermann of AHRS. Hopefully, volunteers can start packing archives next week with the showcases moved before December 1st. With the assistance of Cathy Holthaus, DarlAnn submitted a grant filing plan for 2018 for finishing Temple projects and installation of heating and a/c. These grants would be filed with the USDA, STEP and Ronnebaum Grant, and another HTF grant. On a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Patty Byers, the executive board approved the progression of grant filings for 2018.

Obituaries and Glass Plate Negatives:

Karen Holthaus addressed the issue of amount of time spent cutting out paper obituaries, pasting to cards and then filing in the OBIT file cabinet. She pointed out that these are already online and can be pulled up from any site. She agreed to complete the task to the end of 2017, but recommended that the process be discontinued in 2018. On a motion by Karen Holthaus and second by Ray Thieme, the executive board approved Karen's plan. As a part of the discussion about the OBIT file cabinet, Ray Thieme pointed out that the Brown County Genealogy Society was giving NCHS another file cabinet like the OBIT file cabinet. At Marcia Philbrick's suggestion and Ray demonstration, the executive board agreed to move all the glass plate negatives from the boxes in the photography display and place in the new file cabinet.

Hand Dug Well:

SDI/ Chamber Director Kylie arrived at the museum to announce that Wyatt Rusche is posting signs at the Hand Dug Well as his Eagle Award Project. Karen printed pictures and additional information for the flyer and proposed sign.

With No other business, the executive board adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by DarlAnn Rial, Communicating Secretary