

Nemaha County Historical Society
Quarterly Meeting, May 8, 2018

At 4:00pm, Directors met at Jason Showman's office to view the showcases that he has stored in his basement. Although no decision as to which pieces could be used at the Military Museum were made at the time, all directors were impressed with the cases and were thrilled to know that they are available.

President Anita Heiman called the quarterly meeting to order at 5:10pm. Directors in attendance were Raymond Thieme, Joyce Olberding, Karen Holthaus, Robert Ackerman, Greg Newlin, DarlAnn Rial, Alma Ackerman, Marlene Geysler, Patty Byers, and Anita Heiman. Also in attendance were Ilene Enneking, Jason Showman, Diane Rottinghaus, and Dick Miller. Anita asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves and tell how long they had been associated with the Historical Society. Anita then suspended the meeting while everyone went through the buffet line so we could eat during the meeting.

Eagle Scout Project Report:

No written report submitted.

Carpenter Report:

Dick Miller reported that he recommends knocking off any loose wainscoting at the Military Museum and then applying ¼ inch dry wall. It will look like plaster when he is finished. Dick will donate his time to hang the drywall, but will charge the museum for his finishing work. Museum volunteers will then paint the walls. Cost of materials is estimated at \$250-\$275 (without finishing charges). Most of Dick's work can be completed in a day. Robert moved and DarlAnn seconded the motion to have Dick Miller complete the wainscoting and finishing work at the Military Museum. Motion passed unanimously. Dick then offered his opinion that since the perimeter of the Military Museum is now repaired with state-of-the-art waterproofing, he recommends that there be no landscaping (other than grass) be planted near the foundation of the Military Museum. He also recommended that a 20 foot unobstructed space be left around the outside of the Military Museum so any needed maintenance can be completed without having to work around obstacles. He also reported that he is nearly finished with the work on the interior jail ceiling.

Secretary Report:

Patty submitted the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting (March 13, 2018) and called Executive meeting minutes from April 17, 2018 and April 24, 2018. DarlAnn moved and Karen seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Raymond submitted the first quarter financial report. Beginning balance in the checking account was \$59,542.90. Income for this quarter was \$25,538.59. Investments include the "land cd" (\$10,000) and "general fund cd" (\$5,000), as well as the Dorothy Pearl Murphy investment with Edward Jones in the amount of \$14,680.80. In addition, NCHS earns interest only from the \$40,000 Burger Trust Funds. Total expenses for the first quarter were \$5,519.31, leaving an ending balance of \$79,562.18. DarlAnn moved and Robert seconded the motion to approve the first quarter financial report. Motion passed unanimously. Raymond then reported that not all bills have been submitted for the Golf Classic, but a general guesstimate on what we made from the tournament would be around \$2500.

Report to Commissioners:

DarlAnn reported that we will meet with the county commissioners next Monday, May 13, 2018, at 10:30am to thank them for their donation and to report on our progress with the Jail and Sheriff's Residence and Military Museum restorations.

Reports

Tractor Cruise:

No report

Golf Classic:

Karen reported that next year's Golf Classic will be held on April 30, 2019. Rick and Debbie Slater will again chair the event. A thank you note museum t-shirts will be sent to Rick and Debbie for their wonderful help this year. We have enough golf towels left from this year to use for the tournament next year. Karen reported that there was a better flow at the tournament this year and that teams finished generally at the same time, so the prizes could be awarded and the auction held in a timely fashion. Everyone agreed the tournament was a success.

Tours:

Diane reported that she has been giving lots of tours, including the third graders from the elementary school. Most tours have been from out of town visitors.

Barnhart Preservation:

No written report. They are working on developing their own website.

Membership:

Alma reported that there are 75 paid business members, 101 paid individual members, and 250 followers on Facebook. After discussion, we were reminded that January is when membership begins each year.

Travel & Tourism:

No report

Research & Genealogy:

Karen reported that she and Marcia are doing quite a bit of research, but that the online catalog has made a big difference. Karen updated the online catalog today, adding 350 new items. That brings the total to about 10,350 items included in our online catalog. DarlAnn noted that Mike Philbrick updated the laptops today, so they can now be used to pull up items that are at both museums.

Landscape:

Greg reported that we have a dead rose bush that needs to be removed, and that some of the perennials from the north side of the residence died over the winter. He also reported that the impatiens for the horse trough will be in this week.

Night at the Museum:

Greg is thinking about programs for the Night at the Museum but has no formal plan as yet.

Memorials:

Robert reported that memorial plaques for Norbertine Miller and Norman Luebbe have been placed on the memorial board.

Maintenance:

Robert did not have a maintenance report this time, but noted that it is time to turn on the dehumidifiers if they haven't already been turned on.

Grants:

DarlAnn explained the grant report that she passed out to us.

The 2017-18 Jail & Sheriff's Residence project had an estimated cost of \$13,920.85. Total receipts for that project were \$14,000.

The Temple of Honor restoration project was originally estimated to cost \$111,200. KHT Fund awarded NCHS \$88,960 (80%), and \$22,240 in matching funds were set aside to complete the project. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the current phase of the Temple of Honor restoration project increased to \$160,600. Total committed funds for this project are \$160,600.00. DarlAnn submitted notes from Eric Stallbaumer, updating the board members on the current status of the Military Museum restoration project.

DarlAnn is getting ready to submit a grant application to KHT Fund for next phase of the Military Museum restoration, but we will not know the results of the application process until early 2019. The second phase of the restoration is estimated to cost \$112,500, with \$20,000 in restricted matching funds. Cathy Holthaus has committed to administer this grant if we are awarded the grant. Robert moved and Greg seconded the motion to have DarlAnn submit the new grant request to KHT Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

DarlAnn also noted that Jason Voracek came by the museum today and discussed the concrete pad for the EMT memorial. His son is interested in using the EMT memorial as an Eagle Scout project. Jason recommended a smaller concrete pad than originally thought.

Old Business

Museum Open House:

Marlene Geyser reminded members that the Museum Open House will be held in conjunction with Seneca Day at the Museums on June 9, 2018 from 10:00am-4:00pm. We will need volunteers at all 3 museum sites. Marlene noted that Seneca Wholesale will donate the root beer for the root beer floats that we plan to serve on the sheriff's residence front porch that day. Patty will check on vanilla ice cream. Marlene asked for volunteers to work that day, and nearly all those present volunteered.

Garage Sale:

Anita asked for opinions on opening the garage sale on Thursday evening, May 31, and closing at noon on Saturday, June 2. All agreed that more customers come on Thursday evening than on Saturday afternoon, so it was decided that we will hold our garage sale on Thursday evening, all day Friday, and Saturday morning. We will set up for the garage sale on Tuesday, May 28.

Business

Car Show:

Alma has had no contact from the car show people as of yet.

Resignations:

Marlene submitted her resignation as of June 9, 2018, and recommended Ilene Enneking as her replacement. Alma moved and Raymond seconded the motion to accept Marlene's resignation and accept Ilene Enneking as her replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

DarIAnn submitted her resignation as of June 23, 2018, and recommended Jason Showman as her replacement. Greg moved and Karen seconded the motion to accept DarIAnn's resignation and accept Jason Showman as her replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

Certificates of Appreciation:

Anita presented DarIAnn and Marlene with Certificates of Appreciation for their work at the museum. Joyce placed a name plate for Marlene on the Friends of NCHS plaque, and a name plate for DarIAnn on the Special Donors plaque. We all appreciate all the hard work that both DarIAnn and Marlene have given NCHS.

Adjournment:

Alma moved and Marlene seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: August 14, 2018

Submitted by Patty Byers, Recording Secretary

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