

Nemaha County Historical Society  
Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting  
February 12, 2019

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Nemaha County Historical Society began with a wonderful pot luck dinner at 5:00pm on February 12, 2019 in Annex I. Board members attending the meeting were Anita Heiman, Raymond Thieme, Patty Byers, Cathy Holthaus, Karen Holthaus, Jason Showman, and Ilene Enneking. Marcia Philbrick was also in attendance.

President Anita Heiman called the business meeting to order at 5:15pm.

Secretary's Report: Patty Byers presented the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting as found on pages 5-6 of the Annual Report. Following the addition of Cathy Holthaus' name and Ilene Enneking's name, Ilene moved and Karen seconded the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Raymond Thieme presented the treasurer's report for 2018 as found on pages 7-8 of the Annual Report. The beginning balance as of January 1, 2018 was \$60,090.23. Total income for 2018 was \$249,213.62. Total expenses for 2018 were \$290,583.15, leaving an ending balance for 2018 of \$18,834.83, with an outstanding check in the amount of \$114.13. Investments include CD's in the amount of \$10,000 (Military Museum land sale), \$5,000 (general fund), along with \$14,132.17 (investment with Edward Jones left by Dorothy Pearl Murphy), as well as a restricted \$30,000 CD which is available only as matching funds for grants. In addition, NCHS earns interest only from CD's in the Burger Trust Fund. New savings accounts have been established for Amazon Smiles (\$100.03) and Go Fund Me (\$100.02). Cathy moved and Karen seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Bancroft 2018 Financial Summary and Report: Patty presented the Bancroft 2018 Financial Summary and Report as presented on page 9 of the Annual Report. As of December 31, 2018, Bancroft Preservation Association's balance was \$2549.56. With no objections, the report was approved as presented.

2018 Audit Report: Ilene reported that Marcia Philbrick, Patty Byers, and Ilene Enneking examined the books and certified that the 2018 financial statement is accurate and in order. This report is found on page 10 of the Annual Report. Ilene also reported that the financial statement for 2018 will also be examined by accountant Roger Jorgenson in March. Cathy moved and Karen seconded a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report: Alma Ackerman reported the following figures for 2018 membership: 67 lifetime members, 80 paid-up members, 286 Facebook followers, and \$80 in the GoFundMe account. This report is found on page 11 of the Annual Report. There were no changes made to the membership dues. Ilene moved and Cathy seconded a motion to accept the membership report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

HTF Grant Report: Cathy reported that she had submitted the current HTF grant request in November, and that she had attended a meeting concerning the HTF grant request in Topeka on February 8, 2019. She spoke to the group concerning our request, but the final decision on grant funding has been delayed until May.

Nominating Committee Report: Jason presented the nominating committee report, found on page 14 of the Annual Report. He moved and Ray seconded a motion to elect the following slate of directors: Anita Heiman, Position 1; Cathy Holthaus, Position 2; Ilene Enneking, Position 7; Patty Byers, Position 12. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- Golf Classic: Karen reported that her brother will again be chairing the Golf Classic which will be held at Spring Creek Golf Course on April 27, 2019, and that we have just begun to fine-tune the details.
- Consortium: Anita reported that the Consortium is developing by-laws which should be voted on at their next meeting. Anita has designed the first traveling exhibit, which will be going to Centralia first.

- Eagle Scout Project: Jonathan Stallbaumer submitted for our approval a written report detailing his work on the farm exhibit that he developed for his Eagle Scout project. Marcia suggested a dedication of the project at the June 8 Museum Day. Everyone was in agreement.

New Business:

- 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration for Seneca: Anita reported that Kylie Luckerth is spearheading a committee which is gathering ideas for the celebration. We suggested bringing back Nickel Day. Other ideas included a float with ladies and gents wearing period costume.
- Cub Scout/Boy Scout project suggestions: Anita has been contacted by Troy Lewis, asking for suggestions that his young scouts might be able to help us with to earn community service hours. Suggestions included moving boxes in the storage area, painting the sign outside by the bench, moving display cases, and painting the wall.
- Arts Council Request: Anita has been contacted by Seneca Arts Council members concerning use of the basement of the Military Museum. Anita told them that the basement is not even close to being ready for use, but she invited them to come take a look at it. Joan Haverkamp suggested that possibly the Arts Council would be able to help NCHS raise funds to finish the basement.
- Weather-related closing policy: Marcia suggested that during inclement weather, when schools deem it too dangerous to hold school, the museum should also deem it too dangerous to be open. Karen moved and Cathy seconded a motion to close the museum on days when area schools close due to weather-related conditions. Motion carried unanimously.
- GoFundMe: Raymond asked Jason about fundraising through GoFundMe. Following discussion, Marcia suggested that possibly Alma could make us all administrators so we can share the page and invite everyone to like our GoFundMe page on Facebook.

Reorganizational Meeting: March 12, 2019 at 5:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Submitted by Patty Byers, Secretary