

Nemaha County Historical Society

Quarterly Meeting May 9, 2017

The Nemaha County Board of Directors gathered at Burger Annex I at 5:00 pm on May 9, 2017. Secretary Patty Byers acting in the absence of President Anita Heiman called the Quarterly Meeting to order and introduced Dick Miller, carpenter. Mr. Miller gave a tour of the Jail and Sheriff's Residence's windows restoration project that he is completing this summer. Board members returned to Annex I where a light snack was served.

Acting President Patty Byers called the Quarterly Meeting of the Nemaha County Historical Society back to order and gave an update of President Anita Heiman's recovery from by-pass surgery and Treasurer Ray Thieme's back surgery. Directors in attendance were DarlAnn Rial, Alma Ackerman, Marlene Geysler, Robert Ackerman, Freda Dobbins, Greg Newlin, Karen Holthaus, Joyce Olberding and Patty Byers. Also in attendance were Marcia Philbrick and Dick Miller.

Eagle Award: Eagle Scout Bryant Stallbaumer updated the board on the progress of his Eagle Scout project. He reported that the holes and housing for flags had been dug and the site scraped for concrete. He will not be able to meet the Memorial Day deadline for dedication of the site as he originally suggested, but is now hoping for a July 4, 2017 date. Bryant has secured \$3,812.38 additional funding and a pledge from the Meyer Trust to pay \$950 for the American flag pole. Bryant explained the symbolism for the circle (globe), star (US), each military service medallion on the point of the star representing protection of the US & World. Bryant reviewed the placement of flag poles and light. On a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Robert Ackerman, the board approved Bryant's updated plans.

Secretary's Report: On a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Robert Ackerman, the board approved the minutes for the March 14, 2017 Reorganizational meeting, the March 28, 2017 and April 11, 2017 executive meetings as distributed to the board in advance of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: On a motion by Marlene Geysler and second by Alma Ackerman, the board approved the 2017 first quarterly financial report as prepared by Treasurer Ray Thieme. It was noted that the 990 IRS filing is complete for the year.

Golf Classic Report: Melvin Baker was unable to attend meeting due to a scheduling conflict, but he prepared a report of a very successful 2017 Golf Classic. Eleven teams brought in almost \$2,927 profit on a cold day in April. Melvin has agreed to chair the 2018 Golf Classic and recommended booking the first Saturday in April 2018 at a cost of \$1,600 for course rental and 60/40 payback. On a motion by Karen Holthaus and second by Marlene Geysler, the board approved April 7th, 2018 for the next Golf Classic Fundraiser.

Tours & Displays: Director Diane Rottinghaus announced the 4th grade elementary school tour of the school room and all the buildings is scheduled for this Friday, May 12th at 1:00 p.m. Melvin Baker and Greg Newlin have agreed to assist with the tour. Diane also reported that the Goff Room, St. Benedict Room and Quilt Rooms in the Sheriff's Residence have been updated and rearranged. Anita and Diane removed

the wall quilt racks from the Quilt Room and put them in storage with the direction and support of the curator committee.

Membership: Alma Ackerman reported that NCHS currently has 70 lifetime members, 50 paid up 2017 members, and 13 business members. Alma noted that there are 194 current followers on NCHS Facebook's page and over 2,500 accessed in April and 1,282 this week alone.

Bancroft Depot: Freda Dobbins announced that the annual Bancroft picnic would be held on June 25th. The business meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. to elect new officers, followed by a pot-luck supper and music.

Research: Karen Holthaus reported steady research requests because of the Past Perfect archives online. Over 94 hits have been recorded to the Past Perfect archive online site. Karen advised the board to forward any research requests to the NCHS email site so that research can be better coordinated and properly billed.

Computer Tech: Marcia Philbrick announced that Mike Philbrick had ordered and installed a new router for the Rainbow internet in Annex One. She gave the board members the new access code and noted that the internet remained connected all day, today, during busy traffic. Marcia agreed that until the wireless becomes a problem, there is no need to wire the computers. Mike sent word that there is now successful access to our Past Perfect program from either of the two laptops in the Temple or Annex Two.

Marketing/Landscaping: Greg Newlin announced that he would start a series on the Nemaha County Cooperative Creamery in the next Pioneer Press. He noted that weed killer had been sprayed on the lawn around the Jail and Sheriff's Residence, and it would be done again in the fall. He had cut several rose bushes back and was watching them for growth. Greg advised the board that Dan Runnebaum would be bringing his tractor to the museum to lift the horse trough back on its base.

Travel & Tourism: Patty Byers reported that a \$740 check from City of Seneca funding her request for promotion and advertising for the Golf Classic has been received.

Maintenance: Bob updated the board on the changes being made in Annex II and the delivery of four showcases donated by Ackerman Lock and Key. After a discussion of needed electrical update for the computers, the board approved a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Alma Ackerman that directed Bob Ackerman and Dick Miller to develop a design for two poles on either side of the office station with two breakers and four plugs on each pole.

Memorials: Joyce Olberding reported three memorial plaques had been ordered this quarter. She also encouraged donations in honor and/or in memory of friends and family members.

Grants: DarlAnn Rial updated the board on status of the Kansas Heritage Trust Fund grant and the Jail's exterior mortar project grant. (attached) She gathered inquiries about the HTF project drawings for discussion with Architect Stan Hernly.

Old Business:

Fundraising: Marlene Geysler reviewed plans and volunteer needs for a proposed Biscuit and Gravy fundraiser on September 24th. After some discussion, the board decided to cancel the event on a motion by Karen Holthaus and second by Freda Dobbins.

Farm Exhibit: Marlene Geysler, curator, announced Tuesday, May 23 at 10 a.m. as the first planned day of re-establishment of the Farm Exhibit.

New Business:

Furs & Hides: DarlAnn Rial advised the board that the displayed furs and hides in Annex II have been moved to storage. Concerns for the lack of temperature control in Annex II and a permeating smell, DarlAnn had conferred with the KSHS Humanities Consultant about advisability of the entire Fur and Hide Collection of eight items being removed from NCHS collections. The consultant recommended the collection be given or sold to a museum with temperature control and he offered to find a list of those museums. On a motion by Bob Ackerman and second by Greg Newlin, the board agreed to wait on consideration for removal of the Fur & Hide Collection until the Farm Exhibit is completed. Investigation of other sources for the odd odors in Annex II would be pursued in the meantime.

June 3 & 4th Garage Sale: Marlene Geysler volunteered to chair the June Garage sale fundraising event. She recommended that breakfast burritos be made and sold at the two-day garage sale and the board generally agreed. Greg volunteered to put a garage sale ad on local radio stations as well as in newspapers in Topeka, St. Joe, and Kansas City.

Car Show Fundraiser: Alma Ackerman agreed to prepare coffee and donuts for the July 30 Car Show, but she will need help serving in the city park between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Marlene Geysler suggested that the board considering selling breakfast burritos at the car show. The board generally agreed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Next quarterly meeting will be August 8, 2017.

Submitted by DarlAnn Rial, corresponding secretary