

Minutes of Called Directors' Meeting
October 15, 2019

President Anita Heiman called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Those attending were Anita Heiman, Alma Ackerman, Robert Ackerman, Karen Holthaus, Patty Byers, Joyce Olberding, Marcia Philbrick, Diane Rottinghaus.

Alma led a discussion on what to do with National Bank ledger books that have been donated to the museum by Pat and Patty Schmelzle. After considerable discussion of what needs to be done with the books, it was decided that it is a higher priority to get the museum ready for the Great Kansas Road Trip than scanning the ledgers into our system immediately. The ledgers will be stored until we have time to begin work on scanning them.

Marcia suggested ways to improve displays in the sheriff's residence and jail that would make them interactive. In addition to making new signage for all exhibits, she suggested writing descriptions of the larger displays and using QR audio and video explanations so visitors can interact with the displays using their telephones. We need to try to complete this before May 1, 2020 so it will be ready for the Big Kansas Road Trip Open House.

Anita presented 4 estimates on heating/air conditioning units from Mitchell Appliance that could be considered for use in the sheriff's residence and jail, as well as the estimate from Eisenbarth's Plumbing. After discussion on the size and cost of each unit, it was decided to invite Phil Boeding from Eisenbarth Plumbing to come to the October 29 quarterly meeting.

Anita promised to prepare packets about our museums that would be useful for tour companies that she will contact about coming to visit our museums. Alma suggested that we need to make a decision concerning an admission price for our museums.

Anita volunteered to make jail costumes that visitors can wear to have their pictures taken in the jail. She also wants to contact Dick Miller concerning what kind of paint he suggests using on the west wall along the stairway going upstairs to the school room. Anita also acknowledged Dan Ronnebaum for his work mowing the museum lawns and cleaning up outside both.

Discussion was held on possible fundraisers that NCHS could hold to raise money for the museums' HVAC units. Everyone was encouraged to think of new fundraisers that we might hold.

Submitted by Patty Byers