

Minutes of Called Board Meeting
October 22, 2019

President Anita Heiman called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Those board members in attendance were Cathy Holthaus, Karen Holthaus, Alma Ackerman, Anita Heiman, Raymond Thieme, and Patty Byers. Diane Rottinghaus and Marcia Philbrick were also in attendance. Robert Ackerman and Ilene Enneking joined us later in the meeting.

Marcia Philbrick led a discussion on the need for HVAC in the Military Museum. She noted that grants which might have been possible to help pay for the HVAC system have fallen through. The grant for small museums which she found on the internet would not be possible to compete before November 15. Cathy noted that while attending an HTF grant meeting, she learned that the purpose of HTF grants is to save buildings rather than to refurbish the inside of said buildings. Therefore, the current HTF grant proposal will need to be amended to eliminate the HVAC request. The STEP grant request that was submitted to help fund the HVAC system was also denied. That being said, Marcia suggested that self-funding the HVAC at the Military Museum needs to be a priority. An estimate from Eisenbarth Plumbing of around \$30,000 will come close to funding the project. Tax credits in the amount of 25% can be used if they are applied for before the project begins. Marcia suggested going to the public asking for \$24,000 in donations to complete the project. It was suggested that Ilene contact the newspaper asking for a news story and picture showing the damage that can be done to military displays if they are not climate controlled. If Ilene is not able to meet with the newspaper before she leaves on her trip, then Cathy will do so. This article and picture could be published in the November 6 edition. Facebook was also suggested as a way to promote the project. Possible incentives to promote the project included lifetime memberships for \$1000 donations, and one-year memberships for \$50 donations. Marcia suggested using memorial money as well as money from our budget to supplement the project. Patty moved and Bob seconded the motion to begin a fundraising campaign to fund HVAC for the Military Museum. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion followed on having the Military Museum open on Veterans' Day. It was decided that even if we do not have many veterans who come to visit the Military Museum that day, we should be open from 1:30-3:30pm anyway. It was suggested that maybe we could come up with a large heater to help take the chill off that day.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Patty Byers, Secretary