

Nemaha County Historical Society
Minutes of Reorganizational Meeting
March 13, 2018

Prior to the meeting, members enjoyed Subway sandwiches at 4:45pm.

President Anita Heiman called the Reorganizational meeting to order at 5:00pm. Those Board members in attendance were Marlene Geysler, Greg Newlin, Anita Heiman, DarlAnn Rial, Cathy Holthaus, Karen Holthaus, Raymond Thieme, Patty Byers. Also attending was Ilene Enneking.

Minutes:

Patty presented the minutes of the October 17, 2017 quarterly meeting, which were emailed to each Director prior to the meeting. Following discussion, the minutes were corrected to read as follows:

"DarlAnn distributed the 2018 budget. Discussion on how to save money followed."

Marlene moved and Karen seconded a motion to amend the October 17, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

DarlAnn then moved and Marlene seconded a motion to approve the October 17, 2018 as corrected. Motion carried.

Annual Commissioners Meeting:

DarlAnn suggested going to the commissioners meeting at the end of April. DarlAnn will book the meeting date with Mary Kay Schultejan. She suggested that Patty and Ray attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Raymond passed out a copy of the treasurer's report. Beginning balance for the fourth quarter was \$33,634.46. Income totaled \$31,869.65. Expenses were \$5,961.21, leaving an ending balance of \$59,542.90. In addition, NCHS earns interest only from the Burger Trust Fund, plus interest from a "land sale" CD and a "general fund" CD. Also, \$15,041.18 is held in an Edward Jones account left to NCHS by Dorothy Pearl Murphy. Greg moved and Karen seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

Budget Draft:

DarlAnn passed out copies of Budget Draft A and Budget Draft B. She asked everyone to study both A and B so we can discuss them at the next meeting. The budget draft is used for grant applications and to present to the county commissioners.

Fundraising:

Discussion was held on the Golf Classic. Marlene volunteered to do the food. Ohlsen Right of Way will be sponsoring the BBQ lunch. It was decided that golf towels would be distributed this year instead of t-shirts. 100 white towels with black lettering will be ordered. This year, no goody-bags will be passed out. Instead, prizes will be awarded on four holes, and our payback will be 60/40. Karen's brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Debbie Slater, will manage the tournament. They will be meeting with Brock and will hopefully be coming to the meeting tonight. Aurea Schmitz will sell mulligans. Other event assignments will be made later.

Travel and Tourism:

No Report

Online Exhibits:

Marcia and Karen are doing quite a bit of research. We were reminded that the fee of \$12/hour must be paid up front before research begins.

Genealogy:

No report

Memorials:

There is now a new board to display larger donations over \$50.

Marketing:

Greg is working on the April newsletter. He will need all information before March 15.

Landscaping:

It was announced that Billy Osterhaus will not be mowing our lawn this year. Possible suggested names included Dan Ronnebaum, Reitz boys, or Stan Koch. Mark Hermesch mows the Military Museum lawn.

Grants:

DarlAnn passed out a grant report as of March 13, 2018. In 2015-16, the Jail and Sheriff's Residence project had a final cost of \$29,760.00. Contractor Dick Miller saved us a lot of money. In 2017-2018, the \$14,000 Jail and Sheriff's Residence project was paid for by \$5,000.00 donated funds plus \$9,000.00 received from Nemaha County Commissioners. The 2016 Kansas Heritage Trust Fund grant awarded NCHS \$88,960 (80%) of the \$111,200 project. DarlAnn reported that this project ended up costing \$160,600.00. More details can be found on the attached grant report. Cathy Holthaus is working on submitting a \$24,130.00 grant request to USDA for heating and air conditioning the Military Museum. We will try to use existing duct work in this project. Once begun, the turn-around time for completion of the heating and air conditioning project should be 4-6 weeks.

Bancroft Museum:

No report

Open House:

An open house for the Jail and Sheriff's Residence and the Military Museum, plus the Hand-Dug Well will be held on June 9, 2018 in conjunction with the Museum Day which Kylee Luckeroth is working on. Marlene is in charge of the open house and will bring a work schedule to the May 8, 2018 quarterly meeting.

Railroad Exhibit:

No report

Code of Ethics:

All Directors signed the Code of Ethics, which will be kept at the museum.

Meeting Suspended:

The agenda was suspended so Rick and Debbie Slater could address the Directors. They discussed having the following 4 holes with prizes: Longest drive (men), Longest drive (women), Longest putt, and Closest putt to the pin. Prizes could be discussed later. Everyone was impressed with Rick and Debbie's knowledge of the game and their willingness to help us run the Golf Classic.

Election of Officers:

Since no other nominations were received from the floor, DarlAnn moved and Marlene seconded the motion to elect the following officers by acclamation:

Anita Heiman, President

Karen Holthaus, Vice-President

Raymond Thieme, Treasurer

Patty Byers, Secretary

Motion carried.

Appointments:

Anita appointed volunteers as recorded on the attached page.

Quarterly Meetings:

Quarterly meetings will be held May 8, 2018, August 14, 2018, November 13, 2018, February 12, 2019 (2018 Annual Meeting)

Garage Sale:

NCHS will participate in the City-wide garage sale to be held June 2-3. DarlAnn will put an ad in the newspaper requesting donations.

Night at the Museum:

Greg will set up a Night at the Museum program.

Museum Consortium:

The next meeting will be held in Annex I on March 27 at 5:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Adjournment:

Anita declared the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: May 8, 2018 in Annex I.