

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting  
Nemaha County Historical Society  
Bancroft Depot Museum  
**May 12, 2015**

Prior to the Quarterly Meeting, Board members enjoyed a wonderful tour to the Bancroft Depot Museum and Church.

The Quarterly Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Anita Heiman. Those in attendance were Anita Heiman, Greg Newlin, Joyce Olberding, Alma Ackerman, Diane Rottinghaus, Karen Holthaus, Robert Ackerman, Raymond Thieme, Freda Dobbins, DarlAnn Rial, Patty Byers.

Anita made a presentation to the Bancroft Museum Board members in appreciation of all the work they have completed.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting were presented. Robert moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Greg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Boy Scout Eagle Projects**

Bryant Stallbaumer presented his preliminary ideas for his Eagle Scout project involving flags to be displayed at the Military Museum. Greg moved that he move forward with plans for three flags with medallions to be displayed around a large star in front of the Military Museum. DarlAnn seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Jonathan Stallbaumer presented his preliminary ideas for his Eagle Scout project involving a farm equipment display to be housed in Annex II. DarlAnn moved to pursue these ideas. Alma seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Both Eagle Scout candidates will come to the August Quarterly Meeting with further plans.

**Treasurer's Report**

Raymond Thieme reported a first quarter beginning balance of \$21,037.54 with income of \$17,024.74. Expenses totaled \$14,006.78, leaving an ending balance of \$24,055.50. Investments from the Temple and general fund total \$15,000, and \$40,000 from the Burger Trust. Alma moved that we accept the treasurer's report as presented. Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimous.

**Financial Activity**

Tax credit has not yet been received (\$4076). It should come as soon as Ray and Anita have their picture taken at Community National Bank. Kansas Museum Association dues have been paid.

**KHC Project**

We will receive 90% of the KHC grant up front. The remaining 10% will be paid when we turn in expenses and send in a report.

Karen Holthaus reported that Benjamin Epps came to inspect the negatives. He was surprised that they are not as bad as he thought they might be, and some may only need to be dusted. Karen Holthaus noted that our scanner is not big enough, so we will need a bigger scanner with

photo shop premium package. 300 negatives must be cleaned before October to qualify for this grant, and the museum will keep the glass negatives.

### **Bancroft Depot Museum**

The museum will open for the 2015 summer season on May 23-25 from 2:00-4:00pm, with refreshment being served. The annual picnic will be held June 28. The Museum will be open on Sundays from 2:00-4:00 pm from June until the end of September. If anyone would like to see the Depot at other times, they can contact 785-866-5288 or 913-608-5197.'

### **Museum Director**

Diane and Joyce held a tea party at Country Place Assisted Living Facility. They took the memory books from the museum, and the residents loved them. Everyone enjoyed the tea party.

### **Night at the Museum**

Everyone enjoyed a presentation by Patricia Boldridge on April 29. She spoke on DNA ancestry and tracing families. DarlAnn suggested that the last Wednesday in October would be a good time for a young man from Topeka who has borrowed uniforms from our museum to come speak to the group.

### **Membership and Online Sales**

Alma reported 2 new members. She will begin working on online sales very soon.

### **Librarian, Computer, Werner Research Center**

Karen reported that the Werner Research Center has now been moved to Annex I, and the old computer remains in the research center. Karen also reported that Dale Olberding has set up the new computer and that it is working well.

### **Publicity, Pioneer Press, Arcadia Book**

Greg noted that Arcadia does not like any of the pictures that have been scanned so far. The next deadline is July. The Pioneer Press is going well, and Greg reports getting lots of positive feedback.

### **Travel & Tourism**

Patty reported that the Historic Seneca brochure is ready for print. She will apply for a grant from the Travel & Tourism committee to pay for printing costs for the Historic Seneca brochure as well as a second printing of the "Where Is Seneca" brochure.

### **Building Maintenance**

Robert reported that shelves have been built in the men's restroom to store paint. He also noted that a new door is needed for the north side of both Annex I & Annex II. The Honeyman shelving units are being prepared for display. Also, a window sash at the Temple will be fixed, with the window being donated.

### **Signs for Rifle and Priest**

Robert and Billy O will get together to install the "Government Property" signs for the Rifle and Priest.

**Kansas State "Seneca Team"**

DarlAnn, Anita, Raymond, and Diane attended a ceremony at K-State where the students who prepared their recommendations for restoring the Temple of Honor were recognized.

**Golf Classic**

Everyone was encouraged to find teams who will play in the tournament on June 6. Plans are right on schedule.

**Tractor Cruise**

Richard Schmitz will have a report on Tuesday concerning the Tractor Cruise on July 25.

**Car Show**

It was the consensus of the directors that we would again serve donuts and coffee at the Car Show on July 26, as well as sell snow cones.

**Nemaha County Fair Parade**

Anita encouraged the board members to have a "jail" float in the parade on July 26.

**S.T.E.P Grant Application**

DarlAnn reported that July 15 is the deadline for grant applications, and that we need to apply in order to obtain funding for the jail and residence window restoration.

**Jackson County Historical Society Visit**

Board members from the Jackson County Historical Society will be visiting our museums on June 4. It was noted that the museums will need a good cleaning before that date.

Adjournment - DarlAnn moved that the meeting be adjourned. Greg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Quarterly Meeting is August 11, 2015 at 5:00pm in Annex I