

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting
Nemaha County Historical Society
August 11, 2015

President Anita Heiman called the meeting of the Nemaha County Historical Society to order. Those in attendance were Anita Heiman, Raymond Thieme, DarlAnn Rial, Joyce Olberding, Melvin Baker, Robert Ackerman, Alma Ackerman, Karen Holthaus, Greg Newlin, Patty Byers, Diane Rottinghaus.

Secretary's Report

- Patty presented the minutes of the May 12, 2015 quarterly meeting. Robert moved and DarlAnn seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Raymond reported a beginning balance of \$24,055.50 in the checking account, with income of \$18,165.29. Expenses for the second quarter totaled \$11,479.64, leaving an ending balance in the checking account of \$39,741.15.
- Investments by NCHS include:
 - CD at United Bank for the land sale in the amount of \$10,000
 - CD at United Bank for Rom General Fund in the amount of \$5000
 - Interest money gained from the \$40,000 Burger Trust Fund is also available.

Alma moved and Greg seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

1. Golf Tournament
Anita reported that the golf tournament was deemed a success even though the course was flooded and the weather was unfavorable. Most of the money comes from the sponsors. It was decided to hold the golf tournament again in 2016, and discussion followed on how to improve next year's golf tournament.
2. Tractor Cruise
Richard Schmitz reported that there were 37 tractors registered, but only 34 actually completed the cruise. There was great response from this year's tractor cruise, and Richard is already working on ideas for next year. The CD's of the tractor cruise are ready.
3. Car Show
Robert and Alma didn't have an exact figure, but they estimated that between the rolls and coffee served early in the morning, and the snow cones served during the heat of the day, NVHS made close to \$400.
4. Online Sales
Alma reported that she had online sales of \$252.56 in July and \$146.90 so far in August. She used \$169.46 of that money to pay for the printing of rack cards for the Strathman Photography Collection. She also reported that NCHS received \$640.00 from a man who purchased from us vintage clothing duplicates and vintage clothing items not being used.
5. Director
Diane reported that Anita is going to do the Wintersheidt Room and that displays are continually being updated. There have been 27 tours of our museums so far. The Strathman Photography project is winding down, and Diane estimates that she has 2 more days of cleaning the Strathman glass negatives. Open House for the Strathman Photography Collection will be October 4, 2015 from 2:00-5:00pm. Thirty (30) prints must be displayed at the Open House, and Picture This will mount them on a display board. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served at the Open House. The Fur Harvestors are having their convention at the Community Building at the same time, so we are hoping to get some visitors from there.
6. Research
Karen reported that so far 857 pictures have been scanned for the Strathman Photography project, and approximately 200 are left to scan. A new lazer printer and scanner were purchased to help facilitate the

project. There have been 58 items assessed since January 1, 2015. Karen also reported that the Audit Committee will meet and make their annual report.

7. Publicity

Greg reported that he is doing print ads and radio ads for museum activities. The Pioneer Press is at the printer at this time. He also reported that the Arcadia Pictorial project is in limbo because they will not accept the 500 pictures he has submitted to them. Greg also reported that the museum's landscape is in good shape, but the hackberry tree behind the Temple of Honor needs to be trimmed or cut down. Robert moved and DarlAnn seconded a motion to allot \$1500 to properly trim or cut down the hackberry tree. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Memorials

Joyce reported that the following 4 new names have been added to our Memorial Board: Duane Dick, Michael Kennedy, Mary Margaret Shumaker, Martin Thieme

9. JCHS Visit

Anita reported that representatives of the Jackson County Historical Society had come to Seneca to visit our museums and that they had extended an invitation for our Directors to visit their museum in Holton. We will need to reschedule our visit to Holton since none of our Directors would be able to go on August 15.

10. Travel and Tourism

Patty reported that our grant application for the printing of 2 brochures had been turned in by the July 15 deadline but the tourism committee had not yet met to approve applications.

Old Business

1. Robert submitted a very detailed written account of projects that have been completed this spring/summer as well as projects that still need to be addressed. Some discussion was held on the following items:
 - a. Ceiling tiles have fallen down in the military museum and we need to decide how to proceed.
 - b. There is knob and tube electrical wiring in the ceiling at the military museum which prevents insulating the ceiling the way it is.
 - c. Plexiglas is needed to complete the reassembled display case project.
 - d. LED lighting has been installed in display cases and it looks great. There may be a possibility of using LED lighting in Annex I and II.
 - e. War rugs are framed and on display.

See Robert's complete maintenance report for further details.

New Business

1. Eugene Visser has resigned as Board Member effective 8-11-15.
2. Evening at the Museum will be Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 7:00pm. David Tangeman will present the Doughboy story.
3. Melvin volunteered to appear before the county commissioners to request more funding for the museums.
4. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt is scheduled for September 18-19, 2015. Volunteers are needed.
5. Republican Women will meet at the museum August 13 at 9:30am.

Adjournment

DarlAnn moved and Greg seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Quarterly Meeting: November 10, 2015 in Annex I.

Submitted by _____
Patty Byers, Recording Secretary

