

Nemaha County Historical Society
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

President Anita Heiman called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Joyce Olberding, Freda Dobbins, Anita Heiman, Greg Newlin, Raymond Thieme, Diane Rottinghaus, Dorothy Pearl Murphy, and Patty Byers.

Patty read the Minutes of the October 22, 2013 Reorganizational Meeting. Raymond moved and Joyce seconded a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried 8-0.

Raymond presented the Financial Report. The account has a current balance of \$12,299.88 plus total investments of \$55,000.00.

Greg asked for clarification on the memorials. There were no bills presented. Patty moved and Freda seconded a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

Under Reports:

Freda noted that the Bancroft Museum is open by appointment.

Diane reported that we have very enthusiastic volunteers working at the museum. Shirley Leem, Karen Holthaus, and Sharon Steinlage have joined Dorothy Pearl Murphy and Mary Steinlage each week when available.

Diane also reported that the Veterans' Day activity at the Temple of Honor was a big success. She also attended the veterans' program at NVEMS and accepted their donation to the museum.

Joyce reported that we have received a memorial for Leonard Schmitz.

Greg noted that he will remove a rose bush this spring to complete the landscaping.

For maintenance, it was reported that the earlier attempt to provide water to the Temple of Honor was unsuccessful. Also, the basement of the jail needs more insulation.

Raymond reported that we have received grant money for publicity of the Golf Tournament and Tractor Cruise fundraisers. Additionally, DarlAnn has filed for a Step grant.

Under Old Business:

A representative from a security systems company in Kansas City has come and outlined systems needed to protect the Museum and Temple of Honor, as well as their costs. The cost of the systems is prohibitive at this time. Discussion of less costly security measures included planting thorn bushes (such as barberry) in front of the basement windows at the Temple of Honor. Audio Unlimited suggested eight hookups for eight cameras, with four in the main room of the Temple. Bars covering the windows were also suggested. It was generally decided to wait until spring before going further.

Under New Business:

Anita asked members to be thinking of projects that would be suitable for Eagle Scout projects. It was suggested that the Scout Master come to the next meeting.

June 7, 2014 is the correct date for the Golf Tournament fundraiser instead of June 10, as printed. All brochures have now been corrected. G&R Printing will send out full color postcards with the correct date right away.

In Richard Schmitz' absence, it was decided to wait until our next meeting to discuss the 2014 Tractor Cruise.

The official date for the Museum opening will be decided at the April quarterly meeting.

In Other Business:

Diane reported that twice she has closed an open window and turned off a light in the East Annex II.

There was considerable discussion concerning an old wine press that has been in the jail basement for many years.

A member of the Koch family (descendent of the wine press maker) is asking for it back. Raymond suggested consulting a lawyer regarding legal questions covering ownership.

Raymond presented our free copy of the book Llewellyn Castle. The author received information for the book from our Museum.

Greg began a discussion of ideas for advertising.

Adjournment

Greg moved and Raymond seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0.

Next Quarterly meeting is April 8, 2014.

