

Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc.

Special Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 10, 2014

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Anita Heiman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with nine board members present: Alma and Bob Ackerman, Ray Thieme, Richard Schmitz, Greg Newlin, Joyce Olberding, DarlAnn Rial, Anita Heiman, Eugene Visser and guests, Lois Visser and Karen Holthaus.

Tractor Cruise: Richard Schmitz reviewed plans for the 5th Annual Tractor Cruise scheduled for Saturday, July 26th at 11:30 a.m. with route to Hwy 36 to Hammes Seed for lunch and then to Beckers for snack on Nightingale Turnpike to Centralia and back on Hwy. 187 to 8th Street and finish at Seneca City Park. The cruise will be dedicated to the May 2013 Corning tornado victims. Greg Newlin will develop publicity and ads. Greg is donating four bottles of home-made wine for prizes. Cost will be \$45 including \$5 to develop a cd disc for historical archives.

Secretary DarlAnn Rial submitted list of thank you letters sent out to all sponsors of the Golf Classic fundraiser as funds arrived at the museum. At the request of President Anita Heiman, DarlAnn has prepared Appreciation Open House invitations to be sent to 80 sponsors and 12 golf teams members who supported the golf classic. The executive committee had previously proposed Wednesday, June 25, 5- 7 p.m. for the Appreciation Open House. Refreshments will be served. On a motion by Bob Ackerman and second by Greg Newlin, the board confirmed the actions of the Executive Committee.

Treasurer Ray Thieme reported a total of \$8,468 deposit for the 2014 Golf Classic fundraiser. Expenses to date are \$4,477.33 with approximately \$4,000 net profit. Ray reviewed the process to donate funds via the internet. One such donation has been received. Alma distributed "Donate Button" cards which she had developed and paid for at a cost of \$5.00 for 250 cards.

Mitchell Memorial: Bob Ackerman reported on the developing Memorial that Joanne Mitchell requested for her husband's memorial. The Mitchell Memorial Fund would pay for cast iron or aluminum signs that identify the Ordinance rifle and Priest on the front lawn of the Temple of Honor. History and other information about the weapons can be developed for handout flyers. "Notice" signs explaining that the equipment is Federal Government property and must be respected and maintained as such, will be made and mounted on or near both pieces. The Board generally agreed that Bob should continue the project.

Car Show: The Nemaha County Historical Society will again serve shaved ice and cinnamon rolls and coffee at the annual car show scheduled for July 27th.

Tours: Anita reviewed the four requests for tours. The SHS alumni group will be at the museum on June 14th, and Anita is working with the SDI/Chamber director for tours on July 11-12 and 17th.

Publicity: Greg Newlin reviewed plans and publicity for the Special Speaker, Dave Caldwell for June 12 in Annex I at the museum. Covered dish dinner is at 6 p.m. with speaker at 7:00 p.m. Set up will be at 5:00 p.m. Ten radio stations and many of newspapers have the notices. Greg expects 50-70 attendees. Greg Newlin also announced the Bancroft Depot picnic is schedule on June 22nd. Six board members expect to attend. The Depot Museum is open every Sunday through September.

Maintenance: Bob Ackerman reviewed progress at the Temple of Honor noting spot lights on north stained glass windows, his order of more spot lights for windows and WWI exhibit and the installation of solar rope lights that are around the perimeter of the canon roof. Bob requested permission and funds to do more electrical replacement in the building including six outlets on each side of the main floor running conduit to the basement. On a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Ray Thieme, the Board approved \$500 for the electrical project.

Bob reported that Koch Welding has agreed to the design for basement security bars at \$150 x 6 windows = \$900. He described a plan to use cattle panel pieces or similar materials to cover the inside of the other 7 basement windows. The S.T.E.P. grant funds will be used for the security bars, broken window replacement and security camera(s) as approved by the board on a motion by Greg Newlin and second by Ray Thieme.

The board generally approved the plans for hook up of the water system in the Temple of Honor.

After a discussion about lowering the roof on the Temple of Honor which would allow the building to be placed on the Registry of Historic Places as a part of the Seneca Main Street District, the board recognized that once the building was on the Registry, it would qualify for the HTF grant funds to renovate the front porch and develop an ADA handicapped entry. The board approved pursuing final plans for the project on a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Alma Ackerman.

The board also generally agreed that the words, "Temple of Honor Museum" should be on the front of the building, replacing "Masonic Temple".

Bob Ackerman reviewed the circumstance around the donation of a Clock that once hung in front of City Hall. The clock needs to be repaired and can be at an estimated cost of \$325.00. The Chicago clock repair man has offered to buy the clock for \$1500. After motion by Bob Ackerman and second by Ray Thieme, the Board approved repair of the clock for display at a site to be determined at the Historical Museum. Bob Ackerman also reviewed his preliminary plans for display of the canon balls in front of the Temple of Honor.

Secretary DarlAnn Rial announced the retirement of Dorothy Pearl Murphy from the Historical Research computers and reminded the board of the vacancy left by the passing of her husband, Dean Rial. She recommended the appointment of Karen Holthaus to fill both positions. On a motion by DarlAnn and second by Joyce Olberding, the board approved the appointment of Karen Holthaus as Research Coordinator and to fill the remaining six months of Board Position #3. The appointments were approved.

President Anita Heiman appointed a committee of Cathy Holthaus, Karen Holthaus, and Richard Schmitz to audit financial records for the last six months of 2013.

Board adjourned at 7:00 p.m. _____ signed