

*Gardner Historical Museum, Inc.*  
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**General Meeting Minutes for Members and Board**

January 8, 2009  
204 W. Main Street, PO Box 442  
Gardner, Kansas 66030

**Welcome:** President Shirley B-V. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. 11 members in attendance.

**Minutes:** The December 4, 2008 Minutes were presented as posted on the Web Site. Motion to accept made by Marcia G., seconded by Janie E. and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob J. reported the bank balances of the Museum accounts. The Treasurer's Report will be filed with the minutes at the Museum. Laura M. reported the current balance in the new mortgage account, as it did not show on the web site. Rob will make arrangements to correct.

**Old Business:**       **Event Planning, 2009/2010:** Casey O-S. discussed all events for 2009 and 2010. She passed out sheets listing the events for both years, with the people proposed to be in charge of each event (attached to these minutes). Laura reported the exhibits planned for February and March; Ted & Teddy Parry and Margaret Gay & Betty Messer. She also gave an update for the Ladies' Tea in May; Diane Eickhoff has been approved by the Kansas Humanities Council to be our feature for the event. With the help of Shirley's associate, we will need to pay for the event as soon as possible. Laura also passed a proof of the Calendar to be published in the Gardner Parks & Rec brochure. If possible, the title "Parry Tribute Exhibit" should be changed to "Ted & Teddy Parry Tribute Exhibit". Casey and her committee were congratulated for planning for 2009 & 2010, per one of our goals.

**Volunteer Thank You Party:** Nancee & Laura reminded everyone of the date, Saturday, January 17, 2009, 4-7pm. Marcia has reserved Kramer Hall at the Baptist Church for that date, 2-9pm. The invitations were mailed on the 7<sup>th</sup> and many had already received them at the time of the meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed for the pot luck items to be brought, as well as for set up and clean up. Nancee, Laura & Tressa are to meet in the chicken house on Saturday at noon to sort the Hallmark items to be given to each attendee at the party.

**Goals Review:** Shirley handed out the updated list of Goals for 2009 (attached). She recommended that everyone review them and bring to each meeting for further discussion.

**Web Hosting:** Nothing new to report at this time.

**Yard Sign/Easement Update:** Per information presented by the City in the most recent copy of "Utility News", they are to begin in February with the waterline replacement and anticipate about 3 months to complete the project.

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**Messer File Cabinet:** Laura again presented an Office Depot catalog with the size fire-proof file cabinet we can afford and the weight was noted. By consensus, it was decided we should proceed to purchase the cabinet prior to March.

**Safety Deposit Box:** Shirley, Nancee & Laura still need to determine what needs to be stored.

**Newspaper CD:** Nancee reported that she has become frustrated with not being able to make contact with anyone to discuss what we wish to order. She is planning to keep trying.

**Kansas Humanities Council:** Shirley was reminded to check with a Council member for advice on whether we should consider membership.

**New Business:** **New Donations:** **Archives:** Nancee reiterated that she is still working to catch up on the many items that have been received in recent months, including a small hand crank phonograph that needs some repair and the possibility of the donation of a pump organ. She will probably be calling another committee meeting soon. Shirley indicated that she may have another pump organ possibility for donation. She is to check on its condition and report back.

**New Donations: Monetary:** Laura's report will be filed with the minutes of the meeting.

**Stake Your Claim Folders:** Laura presented new, updated folders to be given out to anyone who might be interested.

**Elections for March:** Shirley reminded everyone that the election of officers and certain board members will be coming up soon. The change in the by-laws will need to be voted on at the March Annual Meeting as well, to combine the Secretary/Treasurer office. Board members whose term comes due this year are: Shirley B-V., Rob J., Kathy Q., Nancee R., Claude S. and Tressa S. Those individuals will need to be contacted about their desire to run for re-election, and if not, who would be a good candidate for a replacement.

**Santa Fe Storage:** Laura indicated that the rent for the storage unit has been paid by the Museum for the month of January, but we will need to pursue getting benefactors for the rest of the year, if possible.

**Discussion Items:** **Mural Reference Book:** Nothing new to report. Shirley reiterated that we need to get the CD of text that Karen A. has.

**Dues, 2009:** Laura presented a proposed letter to be sent to individuals that was much like what was sent in 2008. Included in the mailing will be a 2009 Calendar of Events printed in color on an upgraded paper with expanded information on the back, a copy of the updated Stake Your Claim naming opportunities and the

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remittance envelope. There was still some discussion about what to propose for corporate membership. Laura is to work on a “tier” plan to submit for approval.

**Grants Research:** A booklet was received from Foundation Center promoting their grant seeking resource. There was not a lot of interest since it is a bit pricey to subscribe. Shirley suggested we brainstorm next month on what we might want to propose when we receive the paperwork from the Heritage Trust Fund. Nancee has the updated proposal for the alarm upgrade contract. She is to compare it to the original proposal before accepting.

**Kansas Preservation Alliance:** We received a letter from the KPA soliciting our membership. Laura is to review the organization and report back at the next meeting. As a side note, Nancee indicated that the Harkey House had recently been sold, but the new owner has assured that it will stay historic.

**Zurich Insurance:** We received our insurance policy with a letter from our replacement agent, MJH Insurance & Financial Services, Inc., formerly Brooke Agency.

**Junction Park Panels:** Laura announced that the panels rejected by the City because they were not the correct size were delivered to the chicken house for us to use as we see fit. There are 3 large and 4 smaller panels. It was thought that these might work well mounted inside the chicken house in the future.

**Committee Reports:** No reports at this time.

**For Your Information:** *Kansas History* is the theme for decorations during January. *Ted & Teddy Parry* will be featured in February. Then in March, *Margaret Gay & Betty Messer* will be featured, leading up to our *Genealogy Series* in April, May & June.

We have been offered a special price of \$15 (reg. \$25) on the 2009 Kansas City Entertainment Book. See Laura if you wish to sign up.

If you would like to help sponsor The Don Bechard Memorial Basketball Tournament to be held Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, you may contact Jaime Powell at 913-220-7271 or [jpowell@ncikc.com](mailto:jpowell@ncikc.com). See Laura for more information.

**Announcements:** *Next General Meeting is February 5, 2009, 6:00 pm, at the Museum*

**Motion to Adjourn:** Nancee made a motion to adjourn and Marcia seconded the motion. Adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.