

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

February 5, 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. 12 members in attendance.

Minutes: The January 8, 2009 Minutes were presented as posted on the Web Site. Motion to accept made by Marcia G., seconded by Vi M. 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.

Old Business: **Event Planning, 2009/2010 (Tea Date):** Laura M. reported in Casey's absence that there is a problem with the date for the Ladies' Tea. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, which is G-E Graduation day. Laura contacted Diane Eickhoff and she has several other Saturdays available. Diane indicated that even though we have paid our fee to, and been accepted by, the Kansas Humanities Council, changing the date is not a problem with them. May 30 and June 6 seemed to be the next best dates. Casey would not be able to attend the May 30 date, so the consensus of the Board was to re-schedule for June 6, unless anyone voiced a major problem to Laura within one week.

Volunteer Thank You Party: Nancee thanked those who helped make the party a success. Those in attendance seemed to have a good time and appreciated the gifts. Laura reported that we had received a thank you card from Mayrene N. expressing how thrilled she was with her door prize. She also reported that we had 36 guests, 9 Board members and 8 Board family members for a total of 53 in attendance. (This number is a revision made in review, as the Board family members were not reported at the meeting.) It was agreed that this event should be held annually on the third Saturday in January.

Goals Review: Shirley plans to appoint committees next month to start working on proceeding with work to accomplish the goals outlined earlier.

Web Hosting: Nothing new to report at this time.

Yard Sign/Easement Update: Shirley reported that Scott B. has the information about the monument to be used when ready. He also has the City permit that will need to be completed by us.

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Messer File Cabinet: Shirley informed us that now through the end of February is the best time to purchase this type of office equipment, as they usually have them on sale. Because Office Depot does not deliver to Gardner, it was suggested that we contact United Office, as they may be willing to deliver and hopefully meet the Office Depot price. In the meantime, Rob is to inspect the floor supports in the area of the dining room where we are planning to put it, to be sure all is good to hold the heavier cabinet.

Kansas Humanities Council: Shirley met with Council member Fred K. recently. He is to send a check for a portion of the cost to have Diane Eickhoff as our guest at the Ladies' Tea. He asked that we send him a 2009 membership packet ASAP, and he will return that fee at the same time. He did not feel it would be especially beneficial for us to join the Humanities Council.

Dues, 2009 Report: Laura indicated that we had received several dues payments in January, with the specifics listed on the report to be handed out.

Elections for March: Shirley reminded everyone that elections will be held at the Annual Meeting next month. A list of current officers and Board members was passed out. A portion of the note from Kathy Q. was read, indicating that she would like us to replace her on the Board. Nominations were made to fill the vacancy. Laura is to follow up with nominees for inclusion the ballot in March. Shirley also reminded all that the By-Laws, as revised by Karen A. will be presented at the Annual Meeting. At that time she will appoint a special committee to review the wording and make them less formal and easier to understand. We will also be voting to combine the Secretary and Treasurer offices.

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

New Business: **New Donations: Archives:** Nancee announced another committee meeting has been scheduled for Friday, February 13th at 5pm. There are several new items to be considered, including some from Karen A. representing old barber items, Mary Ann W. that are mostly clothing, the Steed's dresses belonging to their great-aunt and an organ that belonged to a local man's grandfather who grew up in Nebraska. Mayrene N. also mentioned that her family has a piano from 1874 that they would like to donate.

New Donations: Monetary: Laura's report will be filed with the minutes of the meeting. Concern was expressed regarding whether the City will be contributing the same amount from the bed tax, as promised earlier.

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Reprinting of Virginia Johnson's Books: Laura indicated that we have had requests to purchase this book, which is currently out of print. The possibility was discussed, but tabled until a future date. Along the same line, it was pointed out that we are running low on Timelines. It was determined that we would take orders for current books, if necessary and strive to have a second printing version with and index available by 2010's Festival on the Trails.

Special Tours: Laura and Nancee told of 2 special tours requested recently. One was for a large group of scouts that Laura & Nancee will do together. The second Laura is scheduled to do for a smaller group of scouts. We have also been asked to do another presentation at Sunflower Elementary later this month for 3rd graders. Laura asked anyone interested in assisting to feel free to be here on the designated evenings or to let her know.

Discussion Items: Workshop: Nancee announced a workshop regarding artifact preservation; research skills for artifact collections, to be held at the K.C., MO Public Library all day on Tuesday, March 3rd. The cost is \$45 for anyone who would like to attend.

Mural Reference Book: Nancee spoke with Karen and reported that Karen was planning to take care of the publishing for us a some future date. It was reiterated that Jamie has a copy of the proposed text. It was discussed whether to give Karen more time for the book and whether we still want the antique farm equipment that she had promised us earlier. It was determined that we do not want her to continue with this project on her own and that Nancee will call her to insist that she give us the CD of the book along with her keys to the Museum ASAP.

Form 990: Shirley wants to work with someone to complete this required form. Peter at the Chamber is to investigate how to complete it. Shirley is also to get more information and will report back to the Board. Completion is due by May 15th. She is also to talk with our accountant.

Tiers & Letter for Corporate Membership: Laura presented a first draft of tiers of corporate/organizational dues payments and incentives, based on the number of employees/members. Points to incorporate in the cover letter were discussed. Laura is to continue to work on the package and present again at the March meeting.

Free Advertising in February: Laura received information from Michelle at the Gardner News regarding some free want ads for the month of February. Mark T. and Laura are to meet ASAP to discuss options available for promoting the Museum and Museum membership in the News, but we probably will not actually qualify for any kind of "want ad".

Avon Fund Raising: We received a flyer regarding using Avon sales as a fund raising project. This was unanimously rejected.

