

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

March 5, 2009  
204 W. Main Street, PO Box 442  
Gardner, Kansas 66030

**Welcome:** President Shirley B-V. called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm, immediately following the Annual Meeting. 14 members in attendance.

**Minutes:** The February 5, 2009 Minutes were presented. Motion to accept made by Nancee R., 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 that there is another problem with the date for the Ladies' Tea. It had been re-scheduled for Saturday, June 6. Diane Eickhoff called and indicated that she would like to accompany her husband to New York City for an award ceremony that weekend. After some discussion, the consensus was to change the date to June 20.

**Goals Review:** Shirley reviewed the projects on the list. Rob J. is to contact the contractor who has volunteered to install new sidewalks, per our earlier diagram, with the hope that they can be completed prior to our Ice Cream Social, July 5, 2009. Vi M. questioned what could be done at the recycle Dumpster to alleviate the muddy mess created by the truck ruts. Nancee is to call Deffenbaugh to discuss the problem and will report back to Rob.

**Web Hosting:** Brad talked to Shane. Shane & Shirley are to check on whether there is a web *site* or a web *page* available to us. Laura informed Nancee that there was a problem with the minutes posted on the web site. Members could not access them. Nancee is to check with Brad & correct the situation ASAP.

**Yard Sign/Easement Update:** Shirley & Claude S. reported that apparently the City is having trouble acquiring all the necessary easements, therefore the project may have to be postponed. Casey S. asked if we had been monetarily compensated for the easement. We were not.

**Dues, 2009 Report:** Laura indicated that we had received several more dues payments in February, with the addition of 9 *new* members.

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

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**New Business:**      **New Donations: Archives:** Nancee reported that the committee met recently. She expressed concern regarding accepting the doll collection presented, specifically the insurance coverage, depending on the value when determined. There was 1 item accepted from the barbering collection. Karen A. was informed that she would need to pick up the plow, etc., as they were not accepted as loaned items. There was a tie vote on whether to accept the organ presented, with discussion at this general meeting regarding whether we have room & whether to accept since it has no history from this area. She is planning another meeting for Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, at 5:00. It was also pointed out that the Parry's also donated GHS yearbooks from 1958-1980.

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

**Form 990:** Completion of this form was discussed at the Annual Meeting.

**Mural Reference Book:** Nancee again spoke with Karen regarding the need for her to deliver the CD of the text for the book. Nancee has not heard back from Karen. If we want to apply to the Johnson County Heritage Trust Fund for a grant to complete the book, it would need to be submitted prior to April 13, 2009. Judging from the comments when we applied for the Timeline Book last year, it is assumed that probably neither the above book nor reprints of Virginia Johnson's & Margaret Gay's books would qualify. Restoration of our basement/foundation probably would not qualify either. The best projects to apply for are related to restoring/keeping Johnson County history. Shirley charged all to think of any projects that we could apply for.

**Tiers & Letter for Business Membership:** Laura presented a proposed packet of information consisting of a cover letter, calendar of events, Stake Your Claim pricing list, tier of suggested donation levels and return form. After a discussion of who we want to/should appeal to, when & how, it was decided that Laura will mail the above packet of information to all businesses & organizations currently on our mailing list, with the long term goal to expand the mailing list gradually each year.

**Children's Museum Report:** Shirley has pictures from a museum from another locality that she will share, if they would be helpful.

**Security System Upgrade:** It was reported that Laura will be meeting with Atronic Alarms on Monday at 8:30 am to install the upgrades as allowed by our Johnson County Heritage Trust Fund 2008 Grant. Nancee indicated that Atronic Alarms would like to have at least ½ of the total amount paid at the time of installation. The consensus was to pay the first ½ as requested and the balance after operational and invoice received. Laura & Nancee reviewed the changes that will be made to give the Museum more security.

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**Discussion Items:** None

**Committee Reports:** **Press/P.R.:** Mark requested that Mica join his committee & she agreed. He indicated he would try to promote memberships for families & businesses.

**Archives:** Nancee had nothing to report.

**Advisory:** Shirley is to work on revising this committee.

**Fund Raising:** Currently includes Stake Your Claim campaign and budgeting will be added to the committee's responsibility.

**Volunteers:** Nancee indicated she still needs docents. Mica volunteered to work one Saturday per month.

**Schools:** Laura reported on her presentation in February to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Sunflower Elementary that included a "hands-on" portion. Mica volunteered to assist on this committee also. Claude S. indicated he may need a different contact to approach as he has not gotten calls back from the Superintendent level. Nancee suggested contacting each school's principal. We also expressed a desire to reach out to the Junior & Senior Highs.

**Events:** Casey S. indicated she is winding down on setting dates for the Genealogy Seminars and will finalize them as soon as possible.

**Membership:** Laura suggested bringing to the next meeting contact information for mailing or delivering business/organization packets.

**For Your Information:** We had 2 special tours in February for Cub Scouts. Laura also gave a presentation to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Sunflower Elementary. (Thank you note received & Reece DVD purchased.) She will also be doing a presentation to a group of seniors in April or May.

The *Margaret Gay & Betty Messer* exhibits are showing now through the end of March. Then our *Genealogy Series* will be featured in April, May & June.

The Betty Messer memorial file cabinet is now in place, with her notes inside.

**Announcements:** *Next General Meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2009, 6:00 pm, at the Museum.*

**Motion to Adjourn:** Claude made a motion to adjourn and Mark T. seconded the motion. Adjourned at approximately 7:28 pm.