

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

May 1, 2008  
204 W. Main Street, PO Box 442  
Gardner, Kansas 66030

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

**Minutes:** The April 3, 2008 Minutes were approved as posted on the Web Site. Claude S. moved to accept, Tressa S. seconded and the 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:**       **Mural/Book Update:** Karen A. was not in attendance to report.

**Commemorative Book:** Tressa S. reported that the book is very close to being ready to transfer it to a PDF file for Shawnee Copy Center.

**2008 Dues:** Laura M. asked about when to send reminder letters to those who have not paid 2008 dues. It was decided to wait until mid-year.

**Cemetery Walk, 2008:** Nancee R. had nothing to report at this time.

**Heritage Trust Fund Application, 2008:** Nancee reported that Becky D. had assisted in the writing of the Grant applications in order to complete it on time.

**Grant Writer:** Shirley reminded the Board that the Museum is now eligible for grants because of our Trails, National & State Register designations. She asked whether Becky might be interested in researching and writing grants on a regular basis, and if so, as a donation or for payment. Nancee is not sure whether Becky is interested in the research. Rob suggested checking with Becky to see what she is willing to do. Laura also mentioned that there is a GrantStation membership available to nonprofits specifically to make the research easier. It is normally \$399, but will be \$99 if purchased on May 13<sup>th</sup>. ([www.techsoup.org/go/grantstation](http://www.techsoup.org/go/grantstation))

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**Yard Sign:** Laura reported that she had not heard back from Dave F. of Sign Here or Melissa M. from the City regarding a permanent yard sign. She took photos of a masonry sign to be used at a Spring Hill park & fountain that was ordered through Bruce Funeral Home. Shirley B-V. suggested considering something similar for the Museum. Laura is to try to reach Melissa again regarding procedures to try to get started with construction in June.

**Building/Grounds/Recycle Platform:** Rob discussed options available for the proposed recycle platform. Patio stones were suggested by Rob & Shirley. The consensus was to purchase them as soon as possible. Rob is to take care of that project. Nancee informed us that Jim S. is checking on a couple of prospects for mowing as a donation. Laura is also to check with a friend.

**Docents:** Nancee indicated she had recruited at least one new docent (Donna P), who has worked one time. Nancee is to follow up to see if she will continue. She also asked for suggestions of others she could call to help.

**Gardner Junction Park:** Karen A. was not in attendance to report. Laura is to follow up with Mary C from the Missouri River Outfitters of the Santa Fe Trail Assoc. for more information.

**Bylaws Updates:** Karen A. was not in attendance to report. Shirley and/or Laura will follow up with Karen.

**New Business:** **New Donations:** **Archives:** Nancee R. reported a new Eisenhower picture from Shirley B-V. and a Victor painting from Evelyn D.

**New Donations: Monetary:** Laura M.'s report on the auto payments and deposits will be filed with the minutes of the meeting.

**New Goals:** Shirley collected the lists of short-term and long-term goals from Board members.

**Genealogy Talks/Mothers' Tea:** Casey O-S. reported that the attendance at the first Genealogy Talk was good and expects even better attendance at the second talk scheduled for May. She elaborated on what was planned for the Mothers' Tea, as well as a change of date for the Mothers' Tea. It has been moved to Saturday, May 31 at 10am so as not to conflict with graduation or Memorial weekend. It was also approved to offer souvenirs at a 10% discount to those attending.

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**Committee Reports:** Each Committee Chairperson reported briefly, plus:

**Press/P.R.:** Shirley thanked Mark T. for his help promoting the Stake Your Claim on the Trail campaign. She would like to try to produce a bar graph of our progress so far sometime in the future.

**Archives:** Tressa reported an inquiry regarding the history of the area fire departments. She met with a representative from the County project to give as much information as she could. Some other names were mentioned as possible sources of information that she could pass to the County rep. (Mike O, Ed D family, Vern K, Dan R.)

**Fund Raising:** Shirley indicated that she is scheduled to meet with Mary C for lunch and a visit to the Museum to discuss possible funds for the Museum.

**Membership:** Shirley asked how many members we have at this point. Laura indicated approximately 75 memberships have been paid.

**Discussion Items:** **Flag:** Nancee reported that she had removed the outside flag as it has torn to shreds. Shirley will provide a replacement & the old flag will be properly disposed of.

**Copier Donation:** Laura indicated that Mary J.'s company would like to donate their used Canon copier to the Museum. After some discussion it was approved to accept the donation.

**Storage Unit:** Laura reported that the storage unit had been vandalized recently, along with several other units. To the best of her knowledge, no artifacts were taken. It was reported to the police and the insurance company. The storage company immediately provided a new, break-in resistant lock at no charge. It was discussed whether consider moving to another storage facility, but decided that it was not necessary.

### For Your Information:

For the month of May, we will be featuring genealogy research in conjunction with our Genealogy Series. The next presentation is Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Be sure to sign up & bring guests. The first in the series was very well received.

New member cards & Member Sponsor details have been distributed. If your business or someone you know would like to be a Member Sponsor, please pass the information to Laura.

Needed: Member Representative to review material, attend workshops, meetings, etc. of Kansas Museums Association, of which we are a member. See Laura for more info.

**Announcements:** **Next General Meeting is June 5, 2008 6:00 pm, at the Museum**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Claude made a motion to adjourn and Mark T. seconded the motion. Adjourned at 6:58 pm.