

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

May 7, 2009
204 W. Main Street, PO Box 442
Gardner, Kansas 66030

Welcome: President Shirley B-V. called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm with 11 members in attendance.

Minutes: The April 2, 2009 Minutes were presented as posted on the Web Site. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Claude S., seconded by Marcia G. and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Laura M. presented the financial report for April of the Museum accounts. It was noted that Embarq will be continuing a monetary reimbursement for our Internet service. The Treasurer's Financial Report will be filed with the minutes at the Museum.

Old Business: **Mural Reference Book CD Update:** Nancee has not heard back from Jamie L. regarding the CD of text to go with the mural pictures. She is to talk with him again regarding its release & Karen's copyright claim.

Sidewalks & Recycling Bin Updates: Shirley & Laura had reviewed the plan of cement work around the chicken house drawn up earlier by Rob J., made some alteration proposals & gave copies to Alan S. (contractor), Rob & Claude. Mike G. may be able to help with gravel to go under the recycling bin. Nancee has talked with Deffenbaugh & reported that we will probably have to file a claim, having their representative come out for a site inspection, to get any kind of settlement/assistance.

Security System Upgrade: Laura gave an update on how the security system upgrade. There have been some false alarms that she is working with the alarm company technicians to correct. Nancee has not heard from the county regarding the extra funds from the grant. The board discussed how to use the left over funds, if we are allowed to keep them.

Mayor Lehman: Shirley presented an idea that she had discussed with other board members in order to recognize the past support from Mayor Lehman. The board agreed to make an honorary gift to the former Mayor of the first step in the foyer. This could possibly coincide with the kick-off of a second phase of our Stake Your Claim on the Trails campaign, which would add the staircase and the chicken house to the "ownership" list.

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New Business:

Upcoming Events: The members present were reminded that June 6th is the last lecture in the Genealogy Lecture Series. Laura announced for Casey O-S. that a planning meeting has been scheduled for Friday, May 22nd at 5pm, to discuss the Ladies Tea (June 20th) and the Ice Cream Social (July 5th). The question was asked if Karen A. had removed the “yard art” items from the chicken house & as she had not, Nancee will call again to remind her. Then Rob J. can get started working on the inside to prepare it for the Ice Cream Social. Shirley indicated that later in the year, we would be able to sell cards duplicating the Lavin painting depicting “Christmas in Cornerstone Park” given to Mayor Lehman as her retirement gift. Nancee is to discuss this project with Jamie. The next exhibit will be wedding gowns & photos for the month of June. We were reminded of the Black Jack Park celebration in the Baldwin area. Laura & Nancee will work together to set a couple possible times to carpool to the event. Whoever attends were encouraged to pick up information from participants who might be appropriate for the Museum to use at future events. Shirley recommended that the list of events be added to the Agenda & thus included with the posted minutes each month.

Discussion Items: None

Committee Reports: (In the list below, the Committee Chair is listed first, with the Committee Members listed in parenthesis.)

Archives – Nancee (Laura, Claude, Vi M., Mark T., Shirley, Rob J., Tressa S.)
Nancee asked for help logging donations on Friday, May 8th. She also indicated that she had spoken to the owner of the organ from Nebraska and he suggested that he be contacted later, if we changed our mind. The entire collection of Quaintance dolls are being repaired/cleaned & should be ready to display in the fall. It was suggested that we consider increasing our insurance coverage when it is renewed, as we may be underinsured for the contents we now have. The number of loaned items was again discussed, the policy reiterated & the committee is to review a list of loans for possible removal to allow more space for donations.

Advisory – Peggy C. (Vi, Mayrene N., Bettie T.)

Events – Casey (Laura, Nancee, Claude, Rob, Marcia G)

Fund Raising/Budgeting – Shirley (Claude, Laura)

Shirley indicated she was planning to meet with her committee to update the Stake Your Claim on the Trails “ownership” list this summer.

Grants Research/Application – Mark T. (Nancee)

Mark is to do research to locate grants for historical preservation that we could apply for in order to repair the basement foundation & floor.

Membership – Laura (Shirley)

Maintenance/Groundskeeping/Housekeeping – Rob (Alma W., Mark B., Connie W., Sharon K.)

Rob reported that the dusk to dawn sensor on the light at the back door was broken & he had done some re-wiring to repair it. It is hoped that Alma will be tending & planting to make the grounds look good for the Ice Cream Social in July.

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Press/P.R. – Mark T. (Mica M.)

Mark asked for more pictures for his “Then & Now” section in the Gardner News.

School District Liaison – Claude (Mica)

Mica & Laura reminded everyone of the All-School Reunion May 17th. Laura will be doing a couple of slide presentations. Mica suggested having a flyer to be included in the Senior 2010 handouts about the Museum & the reunion. It was also noted that the wording in the calendar of school events made it sound like the reunion was only for those who graduated 50 years ago and should be changed.

Volunteers – Nancee (none)

For Your Information: Laura conducted a special tour April 15th for a group of 15 architects. They were “extremely happy with the tour”. On Tuesday, May 5th, she also did a presentation to a group of seniors from Grace Baptist Church. It was well received and an unexpected donation of cash for the Museum & roses for Laura.

The *Margaret Gay & Betty Messer* exhibits are being held over through May.

The members of the Museum have been invited to help celebrate 35 years with Drs. Hawks, Besler & Rogers for the Chamber After Hours on Thursday, May 14th, 5-7pm. They will have food, live music & door prizes.

Gardner’s 75th Anniversary Party **All School Reunion** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 17th**. Doors open at 11:30am for visiting. Lunch is at 1:00pm, catered by L&M Caterers, \$15.00 per person. For reservations or questions, call JoAnn Clark (913-893-6205) or Doris Vervynck (913-856-7980). The Museum will be presenting 2 slide presentations & manning a booth.

Laura set up a display in the north case at City Hall, prior to the Mayor’s retirement party there.

Announcements: *Next General Meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2009, 6:00 pm, at the Museum.*

Motion to Adjourn: Mark B. made a motion to adjourn and Marcia G. seconded the motion. Adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm.