

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

June 4, 2009
204 W. Main Street, PO Box 442
Gardner, Kansas 66030

Welcome: President Shirley B-V. called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm with 13 members in attendance.

Minutes: The May 7, 2009 Minutes were reviewed. Motion was made to accept the minutes as printed by Claude S., seconded by Marcia G. and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Laura M. presented the financial report for May of the Museum accounts. Laura pointed out that the Embarq donation had been received, a number of souvenirs sold & donations collected at the GHS All-School Reunion and a nice donation was made by the group of architects who toured in April. She also indicated that the architect group should be contacted if/when we are ready to make plans for a Museum "annex" building. Laura also had received notice from the bank stating that the automatic principal payment had been made on June 1. An error was discovered on the report due to the beginning balance of the mortgage account was incorrect. The corrected Treasurer's Financial Report will be filed with the minutes at the Museum.

Old Business: **Mural Reference Book CD Update:** Nancee still has not heard back from Jamie L. regarding the CD of text to go with the mural pictures. Regarding Karen's desire to copyright the book on the mural, Shirley indicated, after a discussion with an attorney, that Karen has no recourse to copyright any of the text information. Shirley recommended talking to Karen to discuss her findings and to ask for the CD at that time. Nancee informed us that Karen had picked up her wheels and plow from the chicken house recently. She also discovered that the mystery cement geological marker on the concrete pad was donated by Karen, who had obtained it from the old ONAS Museum.

Sidewalks & Recycling Bin Updates: Rob J. spoke with Mike G. and he is to arrange getting rock under the recycling bin. Rob has not heard anything from Alan S. Nancee talked with a Deffenbaugh claims representative who is to investigate and get back with Nancee. The rep. indicated that gravel would be good under the bin. Shirley commented on Rob's good work on the chicken house (with help recently from Laura, Claude & Ed H.). She has spoken with Alan & he is not sure we will be able to get the cement for the sidewalk donated, as the company who donated last time is no longer in business.

Security System Upgrade: Laura explained what the technician had done to eliminate the false alarms. In the process of pursuing the cause for the alarms, it was discovered that there was considerable damage to the back door jamb from the old deadbolt. She recommended installing a new deadbolt at that door. Nancee also suggested more repair at the front door.

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Black Jack Report: Rob showed pictures he had taken at the Black Jack Battle Celebration on Saturday, May 30th. He spoke with many people & saw many displays and items of interest, such as the camp reenactment, the LeCompton reenactors, the Blue & Gray band, historical gardens, plus seeing John Brown & Abe Lincoln. He spoke with those portrayers and found that they may be interested in visiting the Gardner Museum in the future. He estimated about 200 visitors during that day. Mayrene N. said she had the schedule for the Chatauqua in Ottawa.

KDOT Attraction Sign: Laura has the application for the proposed signs, which was e-mailed from the City of Gardner on behalf of the State. Claude is to review the application.

New Business: **Water Main Replacement Project:** Laura read the letter received from Gardner Public Works, stating their intent to start construction on the project by June 15th and that they are having a public meeting for questions on June 11th. Rob is to attend the meeting to get more information and to express our concerns about the dates of construction at our location and how it could affect our events.

Bray Property: Mayrene made the comment that it would be a great benefit to the Museum if we could procure the Bray property, located north of the Museum. Shirley indicated that the possibility has been considered before and she will keep in contact with the family.

Discussion Items: **Real Estate/Wells Fargo:** Shirley gave a brief summary of the proposal made by Wells Fargo via O'Connor & Assocs., to benefit the Museum. She had consulted with an attorney and received a letter from him after he had spoken with the parties involved. She passed a copy of the letter for the Board's information and review. Casey S. elaborated on the property itself and how the real estate deal is handled. She has completed the application necessary to continue with this or any future projects. Claude made the motion to move forward on this project. Marcia G. seconded that motion. Discussion as follows: Buyer is anxious to proceed, per correspondence to the Realtor; questions were asked & answered regarding how the process works; all agreed the Museum should have minimal risk, with both closings on the same day; all agreed that the use of the funds should go primarily the mortgage principal; Nancee & Shirley both spoke with our accountant to be sure there was no threat to our non-profit status to complete this type transaction; the contract should have a contingency written in on the Buyer completing the closing process; Shirley agreed to call a special meeting of the entire Board should any problems come up; the Executive Board is to make the final decision/representation at the closing; we may need tax advice & that should be investigated; we will also need to notify our insurance carrier & get short-term coverage, per contract stipulations. After all of the discussion was complete, Shirley called for a vote on the motion to move forward on this project. All present voted in favor of moving forward; there were no votes against the motion. Casey is to keep the Board up-to-date on the proceedings and was asked to thank Joyce O. for considering the Museum for this real estate owned (REO) discounted properties program as presented by Wells Fargo.

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Portable Hard Drive/Document Back Up: Laura asked the Board to consider the purchase of a large capacity (160 GB) portable hard drive, as priced at America's Computers. After some discussion, Claude moved to purchase the portable hard drive, with consideration that it will be compatible with future equipment. Casey seconded the motion; motion carried.

Edgerton Frontier Days/Johnson County Fair: Laura informed the Board that she had reserved booth space for the Museum, to be shared with the Docey Dandies. She & Rob will set up on Friday afternoon, June 19th, being in attendance until dark. Rob will be staffing the booth Saturday morning until take-down on Saturday evening. Any one interested in helping should schedule with Rob. Discussion regarding the Johnson County Fair was tabled until the next meeting.

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 indicated she was not having a meeting this month.

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

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

Laura listed up-coming events & projects on the second page of the Agenda. Regarding the Prairie Center reunion-Mica is to do a story in the paper.

Fund Raising/Budgeting – Shirley (Claude, Laura)

Grants Research/Application – Mark T. (Nancee)

Membership – Laura (Shirley)

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

Laura informed Rob that Alma is not available to assist on his committee due to injury. Rob suggested checking with the individual responsible for the garden exhibit at Black Jack, via an e-mail to Kathy Q. who was in charge of the event. Rob & Mike G. will be mounting the "Overland Trails" sign soon. Ed H. is working on window for the chicken house to be mounted later. It was noted that we still need the nests & roosts returned so they can be mounted. Shirley had left a message for Morris E. & Nancee will call him also. There are also plans to "recycle" the old shutters removed from the house.

Press/P.R. – Mark T. (Mica M.)

Mica is to help with an article about Diane Eickhoff and promoting the Tea & Brunch. It was noted that the website needs to be updated with event info-Laura is to e-mail Nancee. It was also suggested that we let the churches know.

School District Liaison – Claude (Mica)

Volunteers – Nancee (none)

Announcements: *Next General Meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009, 6:00 pm, at the Museum. (This meeting is in place of a July meeting.)*

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For Your Information:

June 5, Friday: Starting at 4:00, Set up for Wedding Exhibit. Call Connie W, Sharon K or Shirley V for more information or do loan a wedding gown for the exhibit.

June 6, Saturday: 10:00, \$5. Last genealogy lecture, features LDS research sources. (Also, Laura will be attending the Prairie Center annual reunion & will try to recruit pictures, memories, artifacts, etc. from attendees for our ghost towns exhibit in 2010.)

June 8, Week Of: Nancee & Laura will be working to collect silent auction items from storage unit to get ready for Ice Cream Social. Any who would like to assist are welcome. Please call either person for more info.

June 11, Thursday: Chamber After Hours. Hosted by En-Tire Car Care Center, Thursday, June 11th, 5pm – 7pm, 975 E. Lincoln Lane, catering by Back Yard Burger, door prizes. (Earlier in the day, Laura, Nancee & Tressa will also be conducting special tours/projects for the children involved in the Johnson County Parks & Rec Summer Program at Gardner Elementary.)

June 12, Friday: Monthly Archive Committee meeting, if necessary. Check with Nancee for confirmation.

June 16, Tuesday: Nancee & Laura will be picking up donated Hallmark items for us to use as door prizes or thank you gifts. Any who would like to assist are welcome. Please call either person for more info.

June 17, Wednesday: Chamber Coffee. Hosted by **GARDNER HISTORICAL MUSEUM**. 8:30 – 9:30 AM. All members welcome to assist/mingle. (We will be promoting our Tea & Brunch and Ice Cream Social.) Catering by Terrace Catering.

June 19, Friday: Starting at 5:00 pm, Casey will be setting up for the Tea & Brunch. Contact her, if you would like to help. (Earlier that day, Laura will be setting up a booth at Edgerton Frontier Days. Call her, if you can help with set up or to staff the booth until dark.)

June 20, Saturday: 10:00, Ladies Tea & Brunch with Diane Eickhoff portraying Clarina Nichols. Catered by Terrace Catering, gifts to all, door prizes. Tickets available at the Museum, \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call Casey to volunteer. (We also need volunteers to continue staffing the booth at Edgerton Frontier Days, after the parade, until dark. Call Laura to volunteer.)

July 5, Sunday: 9:00, Set up for Ice Cream Social/Garage Sale/Silent Auction. Volunteers are still needed to help during the month of June to get ready. Call Laura, Casey, Rob, Claude or Nancee for more info. Various activities, including antique car show until 4:00.

Motion to Adjourn: Marcia made a motion to adjourn and Shirley seconded the motion. Adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.