

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

July 3, 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. 10 members in attendance, 1 guest.

Minutes: The June 5, 2008 Minutes were approved as posted on the Web Site. Nancee R. moved to accept, Janie E. 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. reported that the mural is scheduled to be photographed next Tuesday, by a replacement photographer approved by Jamie. The cost should be less than what was quoted by John C earlier. Karen plans to have the disc of photos by the 16th, then the book will be able to be sent to the printer.

Commemorative Book: Laura reported that the book has sold extremely well and a second order of 50 books has been received. (Tressa was not in attendance due to the death of her husband, Bob, today.)

Yard Sign: Laura M. repeated the allowed dimensions, as presented by Melissa M at an earlier meeting. Some possible ideas for a sign were passed for review. Laura is to meet with Scott B at a future date to discuss material & design after Shirley has delivered the proposed sign to him. It was noted that EPIC had planted the flowers around the trees as well as the pots at the front porch.

Cemetery Walk, 2008: Nancee R. met with the committee last month and will meet again later this month.

Insurance Claim: Laura reported that she had obtained information regarding portable public address systems. Karen reported that she had found the same component system as we had before on Radio Shack's web site. Laura indicated that Sue D from Embarq had offered to reimburse the Museum for the amount of our deductible to purchase new equipment. After some discussion, it was decided to purchase a portable system. (\$500 maximum.) Shirley, Casey O-S. & Brad R. volunteered to assist Laura with the purchase. The purchase is to be made prior to the Johnson County Fair Parade, if possible.

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Grants, 2008 Update: Color Timeline: Nancee reported that the County HTF representative indicated that we needed a “more professional book.” He offered suggestions, such as an index and better quality pictures. He also gave the opinion that a grant might not be necessary for this project. Nancee felt he was “ambivalent.” One suggestion has already been implemented for the black & white book, as Mr. Kelly has completed an index. **Alarm System Upgrade:** Shirley reported that the HTF committee felt this request was good. They asked questions and offered suggestions. We are to know more about acceptance of our requests by August. Overall, the Committee was impressed with our accomplishments in our first 5 years of operation. **Reece & Nichols:** Shirley reported that Joyce O had submitted the request for funding to repair the Museum’s foundation, as well as to construct a new building to house office and storage space.

Grant Writer Update: Nancee has had no further conversations with Becky D regarding writing more grants for us. She is to follow up again in the fall.

Chicken House/Recycle Platform Update: Rob reported that the chicken house had been scraped and given a coat of primer last month. It was confirmed that Morris E still has the nests and roosts and that he is to deliver them soon for installation. Rob also spray washed the inside walls Tuesday in preparation for the Ice Cream Social to be held on Saturday. Shirley indicated that she had ordered some large stepping stones for the recycle bin area. Karen reminded Rob that she still has paving bricks for us to use and she and Rob are to work out getting them in place.

Gardner Junction Park: The dedication is still scheduled for August 21st. The new panels are up, but there are some errors that have to be corrected.

Bylaws Updates: Laura has received updated by-laws from Karen and is researching to be sure all changes were noted, per the minutes from past meetings.

New Goals: Shirley tabled discussion until next month.

Web Hosting: Shirley reiterated that Bruce Funeral Home will sponsor the Museum hosting. (It is about \$100 per year through the Funeral Home.) Nancee brought forth an invoice allowing us to keep our gardnerhistorymuseum.org domain name. Karen moved and Laura seconded that we pay \$95 for a 5-year term. Motion carried.

Research Materials: After some discussion regarding the possible whereabouts of the Reece VHS tape, the need for research materials to be loaned to Mica M when writing a feature for the Gardner News was also discussed. Nancee made the motion to approve Mica only be allowed to check out material for research for 3-4 days on behalf of the Gardner News, with the understanding that the transaction is recorded properly and the material is returned in good condition. Claude seconded the motion and the motion carried. Laura is to discuss with Mica and Mark T or Rhonda H.

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New Business: **Guest:** Christine H, President of the Edgerton Historical Society, announced that the Edgerton Historical Museum opened June 21st. She has been doing a lot of cleaning upstairs and some cataloging. The electrical is to come soon and more donations are expected.

New Donations: Archives: Nancee R. reported that there are some new clothing items, as well as other items, to be considered at another meeting in the near future. She has determined that Friday evenings at 5:00 seems to work the best for committee members, so she will announce when the next Friday meeting will be. She also listed the names of the donors of items considered at the last meeting.

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

Ice Cream Social, July 5: Rob reported that in addition to the cars, freezers, ice cream novelties & cookies, etc., there will be a tent, tables & chairs to set up and asked for volunteers.

New Committees: Laura asked for volunteers to help with the planning for the Museum's participation at the Johnson County Fair and the Festival on the Trails. Fair: Claude, Nancee & Karen. Festival: Claude & Nancee.

Johnson County Parade: Karen presented several suggestions for consideration for our Favorite Holiday: Music, Music, Music, per the Parade theme. After some discussion, it was decided to proceed with National Trails Day and the music of "Happy Trails".

Discussion Items: **Reece Video CD's:** It was announced that, even though the VHS version has not been located yet, the CD's have been approved for sale by the Reece family, with the copyright stickers provided. We are to note that the quantities are limited. Claude made the motion and Karen seconded that they be sold for \$15 each. Motion carried.

Donation Request: Laura summarized a request letter received from Patrick G. After a short discussion, it was decided the Museum would not make a contribution.

Garage Sale: Peggy C. had suggested we consider sponsoring a garage sale later in the year. It was decided that we had too many other commitments for this year, but we would put it on the Calendar for 2009.

Committee Reports: Each Committee Chairperson reported briefly, plus:

Fund Raising: Shirley announced that Mary C had pledged to purchase the parlor. She was impressed with the Museum and indicated she would continue her support in the future. Shirley also announced that the City had committed to provide the same amount as last year from the bed tax revenue.

For Your Information:

As of July 1st, Timeline sales have totaled \$1500.

For the months of July and August, we will be featuring the Fair and Fair-type items. See Laura to help set up or to arrange to loan items.

Ruth H and Minnie A have volunteered to be our Member Representatives to assist in the review of material, attend workshops, meetings, etc. of Kansas Museums Association, of which we are a member. Thank you!

The booth at Edgerton's Frontier Days, June 20 and 21 generated a lot of foot traffic. A lot of brochures were handed out and reservations taken for the new Timeline books.

We have received word that we will be given the same amount from the bed tax fund as last time. The check will be cut in January, 2009. Thank you, City of Gardner.

Announcements: *Next General Meeting is August 7, 2008 6:00 pm, at the Museum*

Motion to Adjourn: Karen made a motion to adjourn and Claude seconded the motion. Adjourned at 7:25 pm.