

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

July 31, 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. 12 members in attendance. (Alternate date to August 7<sup>th</sup>, due to Johnson County Fair)

**Minutes:** The July 3, 2008 Minutes were approved as posted on the Web Site. Karen A. moved to accept, Marcia G. 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 had been photographed by the replacement photographer, as approved by Jamie (L). We will receive an invoice after all the photos have been checked closely. Karen brought a prototype of the book for the Board's review. Some changes & editing will be completed. She is getting costs for 100, 200, 400 & 500 books to give to the benefactor who is paying for the printing for us. She is to report back before she moves from the area. She indicated that the paper stock would be heavier and the cover stock would be a much heavier glossy paper. It will have a spiral binding. Jamie is to sign off the copyright to the Museum. He will need feedback from the Board on what type of prints we would like to have produced for sale. Karen passed samples for consideration. Commissioned paintings will be done by Jamie with a percent paid to the Museum. Karen is to report back as soon as possible to Shirley V-A. on all issues.

**Cemetery Walk, 2008:** Nancee R. reported that the plans are progressing. She has 6 actors so far. She is still looking for more. The dates for the Walk are Thursday, September 18 and Saturday, September 20 and were confirmed. Shirley indicated that the Gardner Cemetery insurance will cover our event, but she stressed the need to be very careful to avoid any possible injuries.

**Insurance Claim:** Laura M. and Nancee reported that they had visited the owner of Gardner Music to test a speaker system he had available. He offered to loan it to the Museum for the Parade float, so we could see if it is what we want/need. If it was acceptable, he recommended we use his equipment instead of purchasing our own. The Board agreed to the trial of the equipment at the Parade.

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**Grants, 2008 Update:** Nancee & Shirley felt it would be mid-August before we had any response from either the Heritage Trust Fund or the Reece & Nichols grant applications. Shirley told about a \$2,500 grant that is available for a children's project. She asked the Board to think about what might be appropriate for us.

**Grant Writer Update:** Nancee reiterated that she 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 had nothing to report. The stepping stones ordered by Shirley have been backordered. Rob will make arrangements with Karen to pick up the bricks she has available for us. He will then let us know when/if he needs help unloading them at the Museum. We will make use of them at a later date.

**Gardner Junction Park:** Karen confirmed that the dedication is still scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>. She is to find out specific times & pass to us. The new panels are up, but there are some errors that to the best of our knowledge have probably not yet been corrected. Claude S. expressed concern about the number and size of weeds on the property. Since the park is the City's responsibility, he will direct his concern to them.

**New Goals:** Shirley reminded those who have not responded to get their lists to her as soon as possible and 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.) She requested that Brad R. work with Shane (B) to become familiar with how to use and then make a final decision.

**Ice Cream Social Report:** Laura reported that the event was very successful and gave a detailed report of the funds generated for the Museum. (Copy of report to be filed with the minutes.)

**Fair/Parade & Festival Updates:** Karen is planning the same type float we have had in the last two years, but still needs to talk to Dan (M) to see if he is available to build it & drive it. She also will turn in the entry when she locates a driver on the day of the Parade, if running behind. She asked those who might like to ride to let her know. Laura passed a sign up sheet for help during the Fair staffing the booth at the Grange Hall, talked about what will be offered in the booth and also asked everyone to take an updated sheet for downtown stories to be used on the Walking Tours for the Festival. Shirley asked Mark T. to investigate if the Gardner News would sponsor another scavenger hunt prior to Festival weekend and ask that it start at the Museum.

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**Yard Sign:** Shirley reported on ideas that were given to the vendor. She feels the vendor may donate all or part of the cost.

**New Business:** **New Donations:** **Archives:** Nancee reported on various items that were accepted by the committee recently and those that were rejected.

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

**Stake Your Claim/Mortgage Account Info:** Shirley indicated the need to meet with the bank to discuss the renewal of our mortgage, as well as some other items relative to the Stake Your Claim campaign & the funds collected. She asked if anyone would like to be involved in these discussions later this month with her & Claude. Laura volunteered. More information will be brought to the next meeting.

**Discussion Items:** **Messer Memorial Funds:** Laura reported that we had received the balance of memorial donations from the Messer family. We now need to investigate finding a fire-safe filing cabinet for Betty's research materials as well as other storage for the Museum.

**Reece Video DVD's:** It was announced that the copyright stickers required by the Reece family have been received and the DVD's are now available for sale at \$15 each.

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

**Press/P.R.:** Shirley reminded Mark to check on a scavenger hunt and a Stake Your Claim barometer at a future date.

**Volunteers:** Nancee announced that she & Laura had picked up a very large amount of items to be distributed to our Volunteers when we have our thank you party and requested information to post on the web site about the Fair & Festival.

**For Your Information:** For the months of July and August, we will be featuring the Fair and fair-type items.

The Ice Cream Social & Antique Car Show was very successful. We plan to have the ice cream novelties & baked goods that have been stored in a freezer available for parade day with bottled water.

**Announcements:** **Next General Meeting is September 4, 2008 6:00 pm, at the Museum**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Karen made a motion to adjourn and Mark T. seconded the motion. Adjourned at 7:05 pm.