

# *Gardner Historical Museum, Inc.*

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## **General Meeting Minutes for Members and Board**

August 2, 2007

204 W. Main Street, PO Box 442

Gardner, Kansas 66030

**Welcome:** Vice President Shirley VanArsdale opened the meeting at 6:10pm.

**Minutes:** The July 5, 2007 Minutes were read by Laura McCarthy & approved as read.

**Treasurer Report:** Rob Jochem reported: Heritage Grant account, \$264.39; regular checking account, \$5,943.57; museum mortgage, \$98,000.00.

**Old Business:** **Cemetery Walk:** Nancee Rankin reported that the Community Theatre actors will meet on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Volunteers are needed to distribute flyers. Tiki torches will be used for lighting at the Cemetery Walk. Parking arrangements have been made with Meadowbrook. Nancee explained the procedure for purchasing tickets for each tour day and time.

**Wagon Ride/Shuttle:** Laura McCarthy reported that the Walking Tour brochure has been approved for print. The City and the Museum have each ordered 1,000 copies. The 150-Committee has approved at least \$1,000 to help pay for the wagon ride. The volunteers have met once and are meeting again tomorrow evening. More volunteers are still needed. Laura is soliciting stories about the downtown area to use as a narration script for the Walking Tour. A letter is being prepared to mail to the downtown businesses also, asking for help.

**150-Committee:** Shirley reported that the cards are done, except for finalizing the proof for the "places" cards. Her committee has received 100 nominations for the Distinguished Citizens Awards thus far. They will receive a certificate & pin and will be recognized at the Festival. They will also be honored at the Johnson County Fair Parade.

**Chicken House:** Nancee spoke with Morris Eastland. He appears to no longer have any interest in completing the project. She sent an e-mail to the Board for comments. She also talked with the State historical representative and they would prefer that we keep the structure. Shirley has indicated that Alan Oberhelman is interested in working on the project. Others that have expressed interest are Bill Gay and Dan McCarthy. Rob Jochem suggested putting a construction barrier of some sort around the building for safety's sake. It was agreed that this barrier should be installed prior to Parade day. It was reiterated that Gary Miller should still have the lumber necessary for repair. Ideas for how to get the job accomplished and who should do it were discussed. Claude Steed and Rob agreed to meet Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 with Alan, Bill and Dan at the Museum

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to develop a specific plan for completion.

**Historic Fashion Exhibit:** Linda Rothwell reported that not a lot of Centennial clothing has been kept. She and Karen Angell are going to display what clothing they have in the Museum on Parade Day. Linda may ask the Museum to work with the Grange to plan a fashion show to be held at a later date.

**JoCo Fair Parade:** Laura reported that the entrance fee has been paid. Rob announced he will be here to decorate the wagon on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Nancee Rankin reported that the bake sale has been arranged but she needs more volunteers to staff and set up. She also re-confirmed the entertainment for the day. It was suggested that souvenirs also be available for sale outside.

**Back Door:** Nancee reported that the knob has been replaced and the front door latch repaired. The vendor, Arrow Locksmith, gave us a 20% discount.

**Volunteer Project:** Nancee reported that the youth volunteers that worked at the Museum on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, were from a Lutheran Church in Salem, OR. Tressa Stone was in charge of the outside, Laura-moving items to storage unit, Nancee-scraping the front porch & wherever she was needed. Then Nancee re-painted the porch. Thank you's were expressed to Shirley for the use of one of her vans, Claude for cleaning up the tree trimmings, Ace for \$75 in materials and CMI for \$10 in materials. Nancee only spent \$32 or her allowed \$200. The wood preservative for the back ramp still has to be applied.

**Storage Unit:** A storage unit has been acquired at Santa Fe Storage. The items moved have been organized and inventoried. First Kansas Bank provided a shelving unit and has paid for 6 months.

**Microfilm Conversion to CDs:** Nancee reiterated that we still need to pay the vendor and asked that Museum operating funds be used to pay the invoice ASAP, while we wait for the grant funds. She is also following up on the delay. Claude moved and Vi McConnell seconded that we pay \$1,000 (about half) of the invoice now.

**New Business:** **New Donations:** **Archives:** There are several more small items that the members of the committee still have to vote on. A certificate from Wayne Rinne and a cash register at Gardner Pharmacy were also discussed. Shirley suggested convening an executive meeting to discuss whether or not to handle auction items and establish a how-to policy, if it is decided to accept auction items.

**NHR:** Nancee announced that the National Historic Register meets Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and asked if anyone wanted to attend with her. They would need to leave Gardner at about 9:00am.

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**“The War” Documentary:** Nancee announced that KCPT would be running a 7-part series about World War II. They were also asking about war monuments, authors, artifacts, etc. in Gardner. It was suggested she refer them to the local American Legion and Johnson County (ONAS). Shirley also suggested someone check on what might have been volunteered by the Museum to be used at a special event that is to be held soon at the old ONAS. Details of such an event were not remembered specifically by anyone present.

**Mural:** Nancee has contacted Jamie Lavin. He is to bring 2 of the 3 panels to have on display for Parade Day. She indicated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> panel will need to be mounted by Festival. Karen is to help with the final images he will need to go on the 3<sup>rd</sup> panel.

**EPIC:** They have volunteered to plant bulbs in the fall.

**Cleaning:** Shirley is to discuss with Nancee having the Museum cleaned thoroughly prior to the Festival.

**Zurich:** Shirley and Claude are to discuss our coverage information prior to the policy renewal date.

**Discussion Items:** **Air Purifier:** Nancee recommended acquiring a whole house air purifier for the Museum. All present agreed that grant funds could be used for this purchase.

**Lamp:** All agreed it was okay to sell or scrap the floor lamp found in the basement that was here when the house was purchased.

**Shawnee Town Items:** Laura reported that they were in the process of re-allocating the items that they no longer can use in their museum, but none of them pertain to Gardner or Southwest Johnson County. All agreed we were not interested in pursuing.

**Shelf:** Peggy Cramer and Vi McConnell recommended obtaining an additional shelf and more obituary boxes in the Research cabinet. All agreed. The Historical Society funds can be used for the boxes and Peggy will pay for the glass shelf.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Claude made a motion to adjourn and Nancee seconded the motion. Adjourned at 7:33pm.