

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

September 4, 2008  
204 W. Main Street, PO Box 442  
Gardner, Kansas 66030

**Welcome:** President Shirley B-V. called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. 9 members were in attendance.

**Minutes:** The July 31, 2008 Minutes were approved as posted on the Web Site by a motion made by Nancee R., a second by Marcia G., 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:**       **Stake Your Claim/Mortgage Account Update:** Shirley announced that the new loan has been approved by Metcalf Bank. Claude S. filled in the details that it is a 3-year balloon, 6% interest, interest-only monthly payments of approximately \$485.00, and a minimum annual principal payment of \$5,000.00. We can always apply more to the principal whenever we wish. Claude made the recommendation that we plan a budget, being sure to keep adequate funds in the account to meet our monthly obligations. After some discussion, it was decided to open a new account for the mortgage/Stake Your Claim funds and continue to use the current checking account for operating expenses.

**Mural/Book Update:** Shirley reported that the book is not done, but the photographer has been paid, thereby releasing the ownership/copyright to the Museum. Karen is to complete the books and pay for them by Monday, when she is scheduled to leave town. If not, we will publish at a later date. Karen is to provide the disc and text to the Museum before leaving also.

**Cemetery Walk, 2008:** Nancee R. has met with the current slate of actors; she has lost some & gained some. She indicated she still needs a 20± year old male for the part of LeRoy Hill. She queried the Board for suggestions. Shirley is to check with the American Legion for possible leads. Claude suggested Mike (Hutton). Hopefully, Mark T. will run a feature story in the Gardner News soon. Flyers were dropped at Price Chopper, the Senior Center & various other locations.

**Grants, 2008 Update:** Shirley indicated that we had been rejected for the Reece & Nichols grant submitted by Joyce O'Connor. We have not received word from Johnson County yet regarding either of the two requests submitted. There was a grant application via KMA that Laura will check into. Shirley still would like to submit a grant for a children's project to the source that she has.

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**Chicken House/Recycle Platform Update:** Rob had nothing new to report. The stepping stones ordered by Shirley will probably not be available again until Spring 2009. Rob is to try again to make arrangements with Karen to pick up the bricks she has available for us.

**Gardner Junction Park:** Those attending the opening/dedication ceremony on August 21<sup>st</sup> reported that Karen and Melissa were both honored and awarded plaques for their help and dedication to the project. It was noted that Gardner, Kansas is unique to the United States in that this is the only place in the country where three trails divided. This park is to be used as a model across the country. The grass seed is to be sown in January, 2009.

**New Goals:** Shirley read the goals/wish lists of those who had made submissions. Nancee and Casey O-S. are to bring their list for consideration to the next meeting. Claude suggested we consider all of the goals, choose one or two in each of the categories of long range and short range goals.

**Web Hosting:** Nothing new to report.

**Fair/Parade & Festival Updates:** Laura M. gave a detailed report of the items sold at the booth in the Open Class building Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at the Museum following the Parade on Saturday. There was no float.

**Yard Sign:** Shirley reported that limestone is not an available material for a monument sign. She passed sample pictures of a suggested type of stone. There was some discussion and it was agreed that Shirley should continue working with the vendor, using the stone suggested.

**New Business:**      **New Donations: Archives:** Nancee had little to report at this time.

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

**Water Easements for City:** Laura presented a letter from Land Company Real Estate Services, Inc. announcing the City of Gardner's Main Street Waterline Replacement Project. A small permanent waterline easement and a larger temporary construction easement will be necessary to install new PVC 12 inch waterline along the front of our property. Claude and Rob reviewed the paperwork accompanying the letter and advised that all seemed in order. Nancee made the motion to allow both easements as outlined in the mailing from Land Company and to grant authority to convey these easements to Shirley, President and Laura, Secretary. Claude seconded the motion and the Board approved. It was noted that concern should be expressed to Land Company of our desire to erect a monument sign in the near future. We would like more information regarding its placement to avoid the waterline easements or if it would be moved during the construction and re-mounted after. It was also questioned

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whether repositioning the sidewalk might be necessary. Laura is to take care of the paperwork and voice our concerns.

**Discussion Items:** Nancee presented a flyer about a workshop being offered on the care and preservation of firearms. Rob is to consider attending.

**Committee Reports:** There were no further committee reports.

**For Your Information:** For the month of September, we will be featuring Trails information. Please let Laura know if you would like to be involved in setting up the Military Exhibit the last week of September or if you or someone you know would like to loan military items specifically for this exhibit in October and November.

**Announcements:** *Next General Meeting is October 2, 2008 6:00 pm, at the Museum*

**Motion to Adjourn:** Claude made a motion to adjourn and Laura seconded the motion. Adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.