

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

November 6, 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. 7 members in attendance.

Minutes: The October 2, 2008 Minutes were approved as posted on the Web Site by consensus.

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. In conjunction with the Treasurer's report, there was discussion about the new mortgage account to be established. Claude S. will check on what kind of account best suits our needs & the cost. Shirley & Laura M. will complete the paperwork to set up.

Old Business: **Volunteer Thank You Party:** Laura reminded everyone of the date, Saturday, January 17, 2009, 4-7pm. Marcia G. will check to see if Kramer Hall at the Baptist Church is available & what the cost would be, if any. It was agreed that the Museum would provide meat for sandwiches (maybe Price Chopper would donate?) and the Board members would bring a covered dish.

Mural/Book Update: Nothing to report. It was agreed that this project will probably have to be postponed indefinitely.

Grants, 2008 Update: Nancee R. reported that the paperwork for the Heritage Trust Fund Grant had been signed and returned. Shirley is to get a copy of the grant application for the children's project to Laura & Nancee for review and completion. Laura reported receipt of information from Nancy Boyda about a federal grant program that we might qualify for, but the deadline was November 1, 2008. Since the instructions/application was 50 pages, it was decided to keep this program in mind to make application in 2009.

Goals Review: Shirley reviewed the list compiled by Nancee. She postponed discussion until the December meeting, when there will hopefully be more members in attendance and the list can be prioritized.

Web Hosting: Nancee reported that Brad R. has not been able to meet with Shane B. yet. The domain name has been renewed as approved.

Yard Sign/Easement Update: Shirley indicated that Scott would like to know where the easements will be to help establish a size for the sign. Shirley is also to review the City of Gardner guidelines & go over them with Shane.

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Messer File Cabinet: It was decided that we should continue to investigate the requirements needed for a fire-proof cabinet and whether the floor will support the weight, as well as where it could be positioned. In the meantime, we still need to get the documents to Claude for storage at Metcalf Bank, as discussed earlier.

New Business: **New Donations: Archives:** Nancee reported that more items had been donated by the Ted Parry family and the committee would be voting on them tonight. Laura also indicated that more Rebekah items had been received for that collection.

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

Newspaper CD: Nothing to report at this time.

Safety Deposit Box: Claude presented two options for us to consider: 3X10 box for \$40/year or 5X10 box for \$60/year, paid by automatic withdrawal. Marcia moved that we acquire the 3X10 box for \$40/year. Rob seconded and the motion passed. Shirley indicated that Bruce Funeral Home will reimburse the Museum for this expense.

Discussion Items: **Event Planning, 2009:** Laura announced that a Parry exhibit is planned for early 2009, using the items recently donated. That plan was whole-heartedly approved. Shirley suggested hosting another exhibit featuring local artists/artisans and/or a Dr. A.S. Reece exhibit, using items from the Johnson County Museum, as promised by them earlier. A school exhibit was also suggested. Laura also reiterated the events that will be repeated in 2009.

Kansas Humanities Council: Laura shared a letter received soliciting membership. There was some discussion and Shirley is to check with a Council member for advice on whether we should consider membership.

Dues, 2009: Laura gave an overview of additional dues that had been received as a result of the reminder letters sent earlier. She also asked for opinions on raising family dues and/or corporate dues. It was determined that the family rate should remain the same, but the corporate dues request may need to be restructured. Shirley is to review the donation schedules presented by other organizations to be considered at the December meeting.

Committee Reports: **School Liaison:** Claude is to work with the school district when we are presenting the Parry exhibit to solicit items to loan and promotion of the exhibit.

For Your Information: The *Military Exhibit & Tribute* will continue through Thanksgiving, with all of the Old Olathe Naval Air Station artifacts pulled out of storage and items brought down from upstairs. If you can help with the large transition to Christmas, please let Laura or Nancee know. We will start the Friday after Thanksgiving.

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Nancee has lined up 4 Sorority ladies to decorate for *Victorian Christmas*, but we could use help transporting back & forth to the storage unit.

Nancee & Laura will be making a trip to collect more paper products to give as thank you gifts to our volunteers on Tuesday, November 11th. If anyone else would like to ride along to help transport, please let them know ASAP.

Project Graduation has made an appeal for a contribution to assist in providing a drug and alcohol-free event on graduation night, Saturday, May 16, 2009. If you would like to make a contribution, you may contact Tina Poindexter, President of the committee at 913-856-6497, or see Laura for more information.

We received a newsletter from WindingRiver.com with information on how to sign up to promote historical/museum events to the Kansas City surrounding area - - free. Check out their web site to see if this is something we might be able to utilize and let Casey or Laura know. See Laura to view the newsletter.

This month's Chamber After Hours event is at Solutions Bank, Thursday, November 13th, 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

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

Motion to Adjourn: Claude made a motion to adjourn and Marcia seconded the motion. Adjourned at approximately 6:52 pm.