

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

December 4, 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. 9 members in attendance.

Minutes: The November 6, 2008 Minutes were presented as posted on the Web Site, with one correction noted. Motion to accept made by Marcia G., seconded by Mark B. and 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. In conjunction with the Treasurer's report, Shirley reported that the new mortgage account had been established with the transfer of the Margaret Gay memorial funds that had been deposited recently in the operating account, and a safe deposit box purchased. It was also verified that a check for the requested amount for the Johnson County Heritage Trust fund had been deposited in the grant account. Nancee R. is to contact the alarm company to schedule the upgrades, probably after the first of the year.

Old Business: **Volunteer Thank You Party:** Laura reminded everyone of the date, Saturday, January 17, 2009, 4-7pm. Marcia has reserved Kramer Hall at the Baptist Church for that date, 2-9pm. More particulars will be covered at the January meeting. Laura also asked for input on names to be included on the guest list and received several additional suggestions. Invitations will be sent out the first part of January.

Grants, 2008 Updates: Shirley reiterated that the Johnson County Heritage Trust grant funds had been deposited in full, due to the amount being less than \$5,000. She also indicated that close inspection of the grand application regarding a children's project, revealed that the organization requesting the funds must be 100% dedicated to children's projects and/or education, which meant we would not qualify.

Goals Review: Shirley reviewed the entire list compiled by Nancee. All submissions were discussed. The consensus was to continue working toward all goals, grouping some items into one goal. By consensus, all current projects are to be continued to completion. Laura moved to accept the short term goals as revised, Marcia seconded and motion carried. Marcia moved to accept the long term goals as revised, Claude S. seconded and motion carried. The revised Goals for 2009 list is presented as an attachment to these minutes.

Web Hosting: Shirley reported that Brad R. has not been able to meet with Shane B. yet.

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Yard Sign/Easement Update: Claude indicated that the City of Gardner is still collecting easements. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Shirley should pursue obtaining the large piece of granite proposed by the vendor as soon as possible. Then we can continue to work with the City on when and where to set it.

Messer File Cabinet: Laura presented an Office Depot catalog with the size fire-proof file cabinet we can afford and the weight was noted. The weight did not seem restrictive, but space is the next concern to be addressed.

Safety Deposit Box: As noted earlier, this has been purchased. Shirley, Nancee & Laura are to determine what needs to be stored.

Newspaper CD: Nothing to report at this time.

Kansas Humanities Council: Shirley has not yet checked with a Council member for advice on whether we should consider membership.

New Business: **New Donations: Archives:** In Nancee's absence, there was nothing to report, but Laura indicated Nancee is working hard to catch up on the many items that have been received in recent months and will probably be calling another committee meeting soon.

New Donations: Monetary: Laura's report will be filed with the minutes of the meeting. She also indicated we had received memorial funds from the Margaret Gay family, as noted above, and another general donation, Stake Your Claim donation and purchase of souvenirs from a Bigelow descendent.

Discussion Items: **Mural Reference Book:** Shirley would like to publish this book at some future point. There was discussion as to when and how. We may even have just one copy printed, then take orders for more.

Event Planning, 2009: Casey is planning to meet with members of the committee soon and will bring a list of plans to the January meeting. Those events to continue were the Genealogy Series, Ladies' Tea and the Ice Cream Social (to be held on Sunday, July 5th). Another idea presented for consideration in 2009 was a study of ghost towns in the area.

Dues, 2009: Laura again asked for discussion on how to assess dues for corporations/businesses. Several things were discussed. It was decided to approach the Chamber office for help with suggestions on what would be appropriate. From the corporation/business standpoint, we discussed what we could give back to them and/or would they allow us to do presentations to their employees and encourage more participation in various events. We could publish a list of large donors at the end of the year. It was noted that the Walking Tour brochures have been a very good handout and we could/should keep them circulating. We could offer a copy of our Timeline book for the employees to look through.

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Committee Reports: **Press/P.R.:** Mark T. indicated that he would still like ideas to present to Mica for research for future articles. They have been using then & now photos recently for the paper.

School Liaison: Claude reiterated that he will work with the school district when we are presenting the Parry exhibit to solicit items to loan and promote the exhibit.

Maintenance: Rob was reminded of the light to be hung in the children's room and that a new knob is needed on the door from the dining room to the northeast porch.

For Your Information: *Victorian Christmas* is the theme for decorations during December. Volunteers will be decorating THIS Friday evening, December 6th, starting at 4pm, if you would like to help.

Chamber After Hours will be at the Gardner National Bank, Wednesday, December 10th, 4:30-6:30pm. Wine & hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Announcements: *Next General Meeting is January 8, 2009, 6:00 pm, at the Museum*

Motion to Adjourn: Claude made a motion to adjourn and Marcia seconded the motion. Adjourned at approximately 6:55 pm.