

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES- CORRECTED  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 @9:30 A.M.

The monthly meeting of the Clay County Historical Society was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Dan Christopherson. Members present were: Dan Christopherson, Gloria Hensley, Joni Freidel, Lisa Johnson, Ruth Bylander, Maxine Johnson, Judy Sullivan, Barbara Campbell, and Kevin Jacobson; also present were Jim Stone, liaison for Clay County Preservation and Wess Pravacek, Executive Director for the Austin-Whittemore House. Members absent were Marvin Walz, Erin Burrow, and Art Rusch.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted by motion of Gloria Hensley; second to motion by Joni Freidel; motion passed. The minutes were passed by motion of Lisa Johnson; second to motion by Joni Freidel; motion passed. The treasurer's report was presented by Joni Freidel. The report had been modified to show the current month's fiscal activities and the account balances and activity to date; this format was favorable received by the membership present. The report was accepted by motion of Gloria Hensley; second by Barbara Campbell; motion passed.

- Wess Pravacek presented a report and noted that two events had been added to the previous schedule: 80 first graders from Austin School toured the one-room school replica;
- A graduation reception was held for the high school graduation on May 12;
- The Sanford Hospital banquet was announced members will have a table;
- Wess noted some items that should be included in the state newsletter;
- The Sigma Nu house has been purchased by the Merkwon family and they have appealed for historical information to be used in the renovation;
- Volunteer time sheets were distributed; the information thus gathered will be supportive material for grant applications;
- The Vermillion Community grant application will be filed in October; Wess also has compiled a list of possible sources of grant funding;
- The beauty shop sign needs to be placed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gene Hawkins has received a \$5,000 deposit on the bathroom project and has submitted a time line of construction but rain has prevented his starting;
- Kevin shared the brochure he has designed for publicity purposes for the project and will submit it to Pressing Matters for revisions;
- Wess announced that so far, a total of \$7,550 [including grant monies] has been gathered for this project;
- The gutter repair project will be given to Keith Joy; Kevin will take this information to Keith as the time designated for the bid to be honored had lapsed; the motion for this was made by Gloria Hensley; seconded by Maxine Johnson; motion passed. The bid about was \$3,325.87.
- The tax form 990 has been properly filed;
- Lisa Johnson reported that the Medium gathering had been a success; 30 people had attended;
- Jim Stone reported on the tasks needing to be completed before the regional conference to take place this week;
- The yard sale was scheduled for June 16;
- The ice cream social will take place June 21; all assignments were made; in case of inclement weather, the social will take place at the Eagles.

- A discussion on whether to send flowers to Ann Severson, as a founding member, was undertaken. It was decided by motion of Ruth Bylander that flowers would be sent to Ann one time; motion seconded by Judy Sullivan; motion passed.
- The question of whether or not to accept a merry-go-round as a gift along with the expense of moving it and filling in the depression it would leave was discussed. The board, although it would make a fun addition to the one-room school, decided that the expense of moving it, restoring its location, and the accompanying liability in case of injury would make it an attractive nuisance. A motion to graciously refuse the gift of the merry-go-round was made by Maxine Johnson; seconded by Gloria Hensley; motion passed.
- Gloria gave a progress report for the Tour of Homes;
- Joni, Maxine, and Wess will meet concerning the Cemetery Tour.
- Members commented on various items of interest and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maxine Johnson*

Secretary, Pro tem