

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-Corrected
Tuesday, June 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Dan Christopherson, president. Members present: Dan Christopherson, Joni Freidel, Ruth Bylander, Maxine Johnson, Marvin Walz, Judy Sullivan, Art Rusch, Barb Campbell, Erin Burrow, Kevin Jacobson, CCHPC Liaison Jim Stone, and Executive Director Wess Pravecek.

The agenda was adopted after the addition of two items to new business. Moved by Maxine and seconded by Ruth, the motion carried. The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as corrected. Moved by Joni and seconded by Ruth. The motion carried. The financial report was accepted as read. Moved by Maxine and seconded by Judy. The motion carried. Ruth will contact the Dakota Hospital Foundation to enquire when we will receive the grant funds that were awarded earlier this year. A full copy of the financial report is available for perusal in the AW House office.

Executive Director Report:

- Wess is hoping Dave Lias will agree to writing an article about the Fallen Heroes Project, especially so we can request families of local veterans and servicemen to consider sharing information with CCHS for use in future research.
- Wess has requested a more formalized "Use of House" flyer or brochure for distribution to those interested in using the AW House for events.

Old Business

- a) Bathroom Addition: The foundation and framing has begun with some rain and health delays. Tile has been found and purchased, which will be helpful for floor planning. The board has accepted the bid of \$2000 from Tim Tenner of Ties Plumbing. Proefrock Electric will handle wiring. Ruth, Kevin and Joni will set suggested levels for donations that will be added to Bathroom Project brochure.
- b) Yard Sale: The estimated net profit of the June 16 yard sale was \$450. It is felt that this event is not profitable enough in light of the amount of work it takes to organize and set up. It is unlikely we will attempt it again next summer.

New Business:

- a) Ice Cream Social, June 21: The weather forecast is not good for Thursday. The decision to move to the rain location will be made by 11:30 am on Thursday morning.
- b) Pierre Trail of Governors: We have received a letter from Chuck Shroyer asking for help raising funds to create statues of two former governors with Clay Co. connections; Andrew E. Lee and Carl Gunderson. The cost of each statue is \$72,000. The board has asked Art Rusch to draft a letter in response offering to promote the idea in Clay Co. and our newsletter, but that we are not in a position to support it financially.
- c) Log Schoolhouse Pump: The water pump that was next to the old schoolhouse replica is still on the grounds of the Main Street Center. Maxine has suggested we ask to move it to the site of the new replica. Motion by Ruth, seconded by Barb. Motion carried.

d) Bathroom Fundraiser Idea: Discussion of potential fundraising events to defray the cost of the bathroom project. Suggestions included a poker run, auction, dinner, charging a fee for the cemetery walk, using the Eagles' Club for a larger event and a golf tournament. The board will continue to explore ideas and feasibility.

Board Member Comments:

Kevin shared the news that there will now be a Vermillion Historic Preservation Commission that will serve as a consulting body for preservation issues in town. They will be working with the City Council as a resource for advice and funding on city (not county) preservation.

The next regular business meeting will be held Tuesday, July 17, 9:30am.

Adjournment: Maxine moved to adjourn.