

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES- APPROVED
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 17 @9:30 A.M.

The monthly meeting of the Clay County Historical Society was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Dan Christopherson. Members present were: Dan Christopherson, Gloria Hensley, Joni Freidel, Ruth Bylander, Maxine Johnson, Judy Sullivan, and Kevin Jacobson, Marvin Walz; also present were Jim Stone, liaison for Clay County Preservation and Wess Pravecek, Executive Director for the Austin-Whittemore House. Members absent were Lisa Johnson and Barb Campbell.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted, with two additions, by motion of Gloria Hensley; second to motion by Maxine Johnson; motion passed. The minutes were passed as corrected by motion of Maxine Johnson; second to motion by Gloria Hensley; motion passed. The treasurer's report for June was presented by Joni Freidel. An update to the report will be needed to better reflect the donations collected at the Ice Cream Social. A complete report will be available for perusal in the office. The report to be accepted as corrected by motion of Maxine Johnson; second by Judy Sullivan; motion passed.

Executive Director Report:

- Wess Pravecek presented a report and gave details about latest events held at the house. A successful gazebo wedding took place July 7 and preparations are being made for the next Music Monday, July 23. Wess also plans to take some 4-H materials from the house to the Clay County Fair for display in August;
- The Thompson House on Main Street has been sold to the USD Foundation. Casey from the Foundation has been in to do research on the house;
- The Southwest porch door needs repair;
- Water came into the basement during the heavy June rains. Wess thanked all those who helped move items, and set up a sump pump and fans. Judy Sullivan moved to use funds to purchase a dehumidifier for the basement; second by Gloria Hensley; motion passed. Judy will find a suitable model and make the purchase.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Bathroom Addition: A donation "coupon" will be added to the informational brochure before it is printed. Paperwork will need to be filled out and returned to the Dakota Hospital Foundation before we will receive their donation. Rain has stalled some of the work currently being done. We are waiting for heating and plumbing work to be done before the floor goes in.

b) Ice Cream Social Recap: The membership has had a positive response to the event. We will review this year's totals compared to previous years after the financial report has been clarified.

c) Clay County Commissioners Funding Request: Gloria Hensley and Dan Christopherson have requested to add \$3,326 above the usual request in our cover letter to the Commissioners for 2018 to help pay for gutter replacement on the house. In 2019 we will ask for \$7,125, which reflects the usual request, plus a match for all current donations for the bathroom project (\$4,625). We are waiting to hear about approval.

d) Cemetery Walk: After discussion, it was decided to hold the 1st Annual Cemetery Walk on Monday, October 8. Further details will be handled by the Cemetery Walk Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Board Membership Appointment: In recognition of his constant support and vital work in maintaining the Austin-Whittemore House, it was moved by Gloria Hensley to appoint Jim Stone a full Member of the Clay County Historical Society Board. Seconded by Maxine Johnson, the motion carried.

b) Fall Newsletter: Judy Sullivan will send an email to all the relevant groups with the deadline for Fall Newsletter items.

c) Winter Fundraiser: More ideas for a winter fundraiser were discussed, especially for events that would appeal to men.

d) Aprons: Dan Christopherson has looked into possibilities for having new aprons printed with the CCHS logo. The aprons could be used by board members at events like the Ice Cream Social and the Tour of Homes, and could also be made available for purchase. Dan presented some quotes from an online company. It was decided to also get quotes from local businesses before moving forward with the project.

Marvin Walz moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned in due form by the president.

The next regular business meeting will be held Tuesday, August 21 at 9:30 am.

Submitted by
Erin Burrow
Recording Secretary.