

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES- Approved  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, August 21, 2018 @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, Erin Burrow, Ruth Bylander, Maxine Johnson, Marvin Walz, Judy Sullivan, Art Rusch, and Barb Campbell, Jim Stone; also present was Wess Pravecek, Executive Director for the Austin-Whittemore House. Members absent were Lisa Johnson and Kevin Jacobson.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted, with one addition and one deletion, by motion of Joni Freidel; second to motion by Barb Campbell; motion passed. The minutes were passed as corrected by motion of Gloria Hensley; second to motion by Art Rusch; motion passed. The treasurer's report for July was presented by Joni Freidel. Updates have been made, as discussed at the June meeting, to better reflect the donations collected at the Ice Cream Social. A complete report will be available for perusal in the office. The report was accepted by motion Gloria Hensley; second by Barb Campbell; motion passed. Art Rusch moved to allow the President, Vice-President and Treasurer the power to use up to \$15,000 from Merrill Lynch funds for use on the bathroom project. Seconded by Maxine Johnson; motion carried. Judy Sullivan presented a bill for \$201.29 for a dehumidifier for the basement. She will be reimbursed.

Executive Director Report:

- Books about the Fallen Heros Project are now available at the Austin-Whittemore House and the W.H. Over Museum.
- Wess has requested a brochure giving information and guidelines for use of the house that can be shared with interested patrons.
- We've received a request from the W.H. Over Museum to participate in their Christmas Open House again this year.
- Wess has asked for help to move furniture and other items from the office room to facilitate work on the bathroom. Those available to help should stop by Wednesday, August 22 at 9am.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Bathroom Addition: The board was happy to hear comments from Gene Hawkins about the progress of the addition. The framing should be finished shortly and they are ready for an electrician to come in and begin wiring. Decisions about windows, outlets and the possibility of a wall mounted sink will still need to be made. A \$3,000 check was written as an advance on the next phase of work.

b) Summer Newsletter recap: It was decided by the Clay County Historical Preservation Commission that there will be a joint newsletter three times a year. A spring letter in March, a Summer letter in July and a Fall/Winter letter in November. All contributors can plan their items accordingly.

c) CCHS Aprons and Shirts: Wess and Ruth will pursue the project to find the best source for logo printed items.

d) Front Porch Ramp Painting: Don Forseth has offered his help to Gene Hawkins to paint the ramp. Jim Stone moved to offer Don \$200 for painting. Seconded by Maxine Johnson; motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

a) Cemetery Walk, Monday October 8: The committee will meet weekly to keep on top of research and planning for the event. The tentative title for the walk is "Spoken History Cemetery Tour: Chapter 1". There was discussion about how presale tickets would help get an idea of attendance. Also, it was suggested that plans could be made to host the event in the Austin-Whittemore House, should the weather be inclement.

b) Joint Newsletter Meeting: Item deleted. Discussed in Old Business, Item B.

c) Tour of Homes: There are currently five houses signed up for the tour, we usually have only four. It has been decided to continue with the five, just in case a homeowner may find they have a conflict that day and have to drop out. Currently on the list are the homes of Craig and Marsha Thompson, Brandon and Erika Schapekahm, Arnold and Janis Rokusek, Art and Lana Rusch, and Cleland and Pat Cook.

d) Alley Parking: Paul Hesse has informed Wess that the alley behind the house belongs to the city, so it is open for parking for all.

e) Fall Work Day: The VHS Tanager Volunteer Day will be held Wednesday, October 10 this year. The board and executive director should begin compiling a list of jobs that students can work on.

Barb Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned in due form by the president.

The next regular business meeting will be held Tuesday, September 18 at 9:30 am.

Submitted by  
Erin Burrow  
Recording Secretary.