

CLAY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES- Approved  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, September 18, 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, Kevin Jacobson, Jim Stone; also present was Wess Pravecek, Executive Director for the Austin-Whittemore House. Members absent were Lisa Johnson.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted, with three additions, by motion of Maxine Johnson; seconded by Barb Campbell; motion passed. The minutes were passed as corrected by motion of Joni Freidel; seconded by Maxine Johnson; motion passed. The treasurer's report for August was presented by Joni Freidel. A complete report will be available for perusal in the office. The report was accepted by motion of Ruth Bylander; second by Judy Sullivan; motion passed.

Wess Pravecek, Executive Director Report:

- The safe from the office was sold, after it had been determined that it was no longer necessary.
- Wess is in search of photographs of buildings that used to stand near Fairview Cemetery for Brian Hanson, who hopes to build a replica.
- Wess has looked into prices for a laptop to replace the desktop computer in the office. It could be between \$350 and \$500 for the laptop and accompanying software through Dakota PC Warehouse. This will not likely be purchased until after the end of the extension project.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Bathroom Addition: All of the wiring and plumbing for the extension has been roughed in and insulated, the exterior is about to be painted and the toilet has been brought in. The electrical has been inspected. The next step is installing sheetrock and drywall. A door and wall mounted sink are still needed.

The Clay County Commissioners have agreed to award the CCHS a \$2500 grant this year and next year, but not an increase. There were so many requests to the Commissioners this year, that extra funds were not available.

A fundraising letter is being printed for distribution.

b) CCHS Aprons and Shirts: No current news on this project.

c) Tour of Homes Update: Gloria Hensley has asked the participants for descriptions of houses to be included in the next newsletter.

d) Ramp Painting: Dan Forseth has started the paint project, and it will be finished as weather permits.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Cemetery Walk, Monday October 8: The committee has decided to include a history of all the area cemeteries, past and present. The walk will begin with a greeting at the chapel, and then continue to

five plots on the Bluffview Grounds; John Jolley, A.J. Pickett, Martha Russell Scribner, R. J. McVicker, and Adele Inman. Tickets will be presale only and available until October 5. Actors are still being recruited.

b) Fall Tanager Work Day: We still need to pull together a list of tasks for students. Work Day will be Wednesday, October 10, 8:30am to noon.

c) Office Flooring: There is a possibility that the carpet may be removed from the office, depending on the state of the floor beneath.

d) Insurance: Art Rusch graciously reviewed the proposed renewal of the existing Farm Bureau Coverage repayment that is due in October. Ruth Bylander moved to renew the Farm Bureau Fire and Extended Coverage, Workman's Comp and yearly membership fee for the coming year. Seconded by Maxine Johnson, the motion passed.

e) Clay Union Electric: Clay Union Electric graciously helped to repair our flag pole recently, and have done so on other occasions and always in a timely manner. Art Rusch moved a formal resolution to thank Clay Union Electric for their assistance maintain our flag pole. Seconded by Ruth, the motion passed. Maxine Johnson agreed to write a letter of thanks.

f) Regular Meeting Date and Time: Ruth Bylander proposed changing the date and time of our regular board meetings to better accommodate the Executive Director's schedule. Kevin Jacobson moved that regular monthly business meetings take place on the third Monday of each month at 9:00am. Jim Stone seconded, the motion passed. This change will take effect on Monday, October 15.

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

The next regular business meeting will be held Monday, October 15 at 9:00 am.

Submitted by  
Erin Burrow  
Recording Secretary.