

MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 26, 2024 BOARD MEETING

Attending: Jo Ann Adamson, Lois O'Donnell, Jim Brazelton, Joan Quinlin, Tom Quinlin, Norm McCleary, Joe Pitts, Jim Nervig, Jo Ellen Nervig, Janet Willey, Asa Hutton, Sue Davidson, Sandy McClure and Bob Fontana.

Co-President Lois O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the February 27, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Jo Ellen Nervig and 2nd by Sue Davidson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's monthly report (February 21, 2024 – March 19, 2024), along with Balance sheet ending March 19, 2024, and the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement (January 1 – March 19, 2024) were reviewed. See attached sheets. Motioned by Tom Quinlin, 2nd by Asa Hutton to approve report. Motion carried.

Office Manager's Report Wednesday, April 3rd will be a tour for The Bridges, hosted by Rosemary Taylor. Tuesday, April 9th Ron Sampson will be bringing the Ankeny Rotary and Lois O'Donnell will help. Tuesday, April 30th at 4:30pm Central Iowa Small Museum Group will be meeting at the Jordan House in West Des Moines. It was decided that the museum will be open for the Ankeny Arts Festival on Saturday, May 11th from 10am – 4pm. Uptown and the Ankeny Arts Center will have a miniature golf on the museum front lawn. Museum volunteers will be needed for the open house.

New/Current Business:

A. Committee Reports:

- Bob Fontana said that the Membership Committee will be meeting soon. They will be reaching out to Ankeny businesses and asking them to become museum members. Sandy McClure will be getting Bob an updated business membership list. Bob asked that business membership price be raised from \$100 to \$150. This will be discussed more at next meeting.
- Jo Ellen Nervig reported that the Collections Committee has started back up again, meeting on the 2nd/4th Tuesdays of the month at 10:00am – Noon.
- Programs Committee member Lois O'Donnell spoke about the Night at the Museum forum, the tornado exhibit, and pizza truck. JoAnn Adamson will contact some people who might participate in the forum. Bob Fontana requested that we invite "The Price of Paradise" author Mark Schlenker to the museum for a speaking event sometime between May 9th – May 14th. It was agreed that the museum would host this event on Sunday, May 12th. Bob will confirm arrangements at the next meeting.
- Joe Pitts, Maintenance Committee, talked about the water which pools adjacent to the parking lot. There was a question asked if the Centennial High School kids could help with labor to somehow with correct the problem.

B. Discussion regarding possible new lock for the museum and/or barn doors was held, with Sue Davidson showing the board one type of lock to consider. It was decided to continue exploring options.

C. Memorial bricks were laid around the bell. There are five additional bricks that will still need installation.

- D. Rosemary Taylor was absent and will discuss the Tornado Display at the next business meeting.
- E. Lois O'Donnell asked if the front porch floor and support boards could be painted sometime in early spring. Norm McCleary volunteered to take on this project. He will look for stain that matches the handicap ramp and provide an estimate.
- F. Lois O'Donnell will be holding a volunteer training for open houses on Saturday, April 13th at 10:00am. She will be sending out emails to encourage attendance. She pointed out that a current volunteer list was provided at this meeting for members.

Old Business:

- A. The Sunday April 7th Open House will feature speaker Karen Peters of the Ankeny Fire Department. Hosts will be Sue Davidson, Karla Kasper, and Janet Willey. Lois asked for everyone to attend if possible.
- B. Cleaning Day will be Thursday, March 28th at 9:00am. Lois asked for volunteers to bring supplies and meet at the barn.
- C. Tom Quinlin reported that the Audit Committee will conduct the annual audit on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00am.
- D. Centennial High School students and possibly members of the Mayor's Youth Council will be here on Friday, May 3rd to help out at the museum. Focus will be on cleaning the house museum. It was suggested that high school students help host open houses in the future.
- E. Lois O'Donnell attended the Central Iowa Small Museum Group meeting in February and shared how impressive the Winterset Museum is.
- F. JoAnn Adamson stated that museum volunteers will be presenting programs at Centennial High School (April 15th) and Ankeny High School (April 22nd).
- G. Bob Fontana said that Huber Grading has agreed to donate two large landscape rocks to place on Heritage Corner. He is planning on two plaques to be installed, one with "Heritage Corner" and the other with the family names. A monument company will need to install the plaques. It was suggested to give Huber Grading a business membership for their donation.

Future, Long term projects:

- A. Lois O'Donnell spoke about how a project team will be needed for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. She also mentioned that the museum might consider partnering with other groups (Chamber of Commerce, Ankeny Uptown, etc.) throughout next year to promote and celebrate the event. A sign for front porch or yard banners would also be good.

Motion to adjourn by Jo Ellen Nervig and 2nd by Joan Quinlin. Motion passed.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Sandy McClure (for Secretary Rosemary Taylor)