

2008-2009 Annual Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2009
Burger Annex I: Nemaha County Historical Museum
113 North 8th, Seneca, KS 66538

Michaela J. Zimmerman, Assistant Registrar and Conservation Technician at the Kansas Museum of History, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka was the featured speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Nemaha Historical Society on Tuesday, June 9, 2009. Ms. Zimmerman noted her Nemaha County ancestral roots and introduced her fiancé, Murl Riedel, KSHS curator.

Ms. Zimmerman reviewed preservation techniques for textiles within museums. As textile consultant for the NCHS textile inventory and preservation project, funded in part by a Kansas Humanities Committee Grant, Ms. Zimmerman has guided the staff as they have properly preserved 491 pieces in the vintage clothing collection, forty-eight (48) quilts, 286 hats, ten tanned animal hides and forty-five (45) uniforms.

Following a covered dish supper, President Anita Heiman called the business meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with sixteen board members and guests present. DarlAnn Rial, Secretary, submitted the minutes of the 2007-2008 Annual Meeting. With a motion from Alma Ackerman and second from Joyce Olberding, the minutes were approved as presented.

President Anita Heiman highlighted the causes, actions and accomplishments of the past year and noted the volunteers have cataloged 2582 objects, 3315 archives, 1375 photographs and 1601 books for a total of 8873 items.

President Dorothy Pearl Murphy, membership chairman, gave a membership report of 189 members, sixty-three life members, and fourteen business members. Dorothy Pearl Murphy also submitted her resignation as membership chairman effective immediately. President Anita Heiman appointed Membership Assistant Alma Ackerman to the membership chairmanship.

Financial Officer, Dean Rial gave the annual financial report, reviewing the Harry Burger Trust Fund investments, income and spending from July 1, 2008 through May 30, 2009. With a motion from Richard Schmitz and second from Alma Ackerman, the financial report was accepted.

Nominating committee chairman Joyce Olberding submitted the slate of five candidates to fill five positions on the board of directors: Alma Ackerman, Dean Rial, Byron Lear and Clarence Davis for three year terms and Clara Reinecke to complete the last two years of a three year unexpired term. After Anita Heiman asked three times for nominations from the floor, DarlAnn Rial moved that the rules be dispensed and the nominations be accepted unanimously. Alma Ackerman seconded the motion. Motion carried and the five candidates were seated.

Dean Rial, chairman of the by-laws committee, submitted the duly published by-law addition of a Conflict of Interest Policy for approval. On a motion by DarlAnn Rial and a second by Alma Ackerman, the membership present unanimously approved the changes.

President Anita Heiman appointed a financial audit committee of Lillian Engelken and Arlene Schmitz.

In other business, the board generally agreed to participate with Seneca Downtown Impact in the November Historical Tour and Tea Event, reviewed terms of a loan agreement with Cathy Holthaus for use of the double horseshoe bar and soda fountain, and agreed on the terrazzo and border design for the Jail and Sheriff's Residence's front porch restoration funded in part by the Kansas Heritage Trust Fund.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

--DarlAnn Rial, Secretary