

Nemaha County Historical Society Inc.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2010 – Burger Annex I, Seneca, KS

Following a chili supper, President Anita Heiman declared quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the November 10, 2009 quarterly meeting were approved as presented. Financial Chairman Dean Rial distributed the income and expense January 29, 2010 was \$10,786.73. He noted that the Community National Bank has purchased the \$4,805 State Rehabilitation Tax Credits from the historical society, shown as contributions. Dean reported a total of \$125 monthly interest from the Burger Trust's investments. Dean requested approval to roll over a \$5000 CD from the Burger Trust which will come due on March 29, 2010. On a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Richard Schmitz, the board approved the purchase of a CD at 2.8% for another five years. On a motion by Richard Schmitz and second by Frances Davis, the board approved the financial report.

Secretary Treasurer DarlAnn Rial reported that she had filed the IRS 1099 for Diane Rottinghaus as contract labor. She noted that Diane had been paid for a second day each week for six months in 2009 as a part of the Kansas Humanities Council Grant which funded in part the textile preservation project. Diane donated four hours each week back to the museum as her voluntary hours cost share.

Frances Davis reported on activities at the Bancroft Depot Museum, affiliated with the Nemaha County Historical Society. Frances announced plans for the Bancroft picnic on June 27 and reported on the progress on the Bancroft Union Church restoration project which now has a new roof and siding on three sides of the building. The propane stove has been removed and the ceiling lowered. Electricity is now available in the church. A visitor with a metal detector to the Bancroft picnic area found a Seneca Dubill coin which Frances Davis donated to the Nemaha County Historical Museum. The board also discussed the need to develop a plan for preserving historical artifacts through satellite museums in other Nemaha County communities.

Secretary DarlAnn Rial reviewed a list of donations to the museum from ten contributors and recommended the board accept the items for the museum. The list was printed in the February newsletter, the Pioneer Press. On a motion by DarlAnn Rial and a second by Frances Davis, the items were approved for accession and two adding machines from the Strathman Building were de-accessioned. Forty-eight membership dues have been recorded of which twelve are new members.

The Board discussed issues related to the landscaping project. The donated flag pole and solar light has arrived, an estimate for removing the three fir trees with the offer of the donation of one Hackberry tree have been received. The plans for the parking area, driveway, sidewalk and handicapped parking space were reviewed and referred offers to the landscaping committee. The board requested the fir tree wood be saved for Bob Ackerman's totem poles and souvenirs.

The Board approved the Past Perfect lending form in lieu of a pending lending policy on a motion by Dean Rial and second by Richard Schmitz.

Anita Heiman reviewed committee plans for NCHS fundraising noting that the Military

Exhibit will be the specific benefit focus for the events. The fundraising schedule includes a Museum Open House on May 15th (Armed Forces Day), Tractor Derby on June 19th (Father's Day), Car Show (coffee and donuts from 7 to 10 a.m.) in July, Hwy. 36 Garage Sale in September, the First Annual Heritage Days Golf Classic on Saturday, October 2, Heritage Festival Open House on October 3, and Halloween Historical Spook House at the Jail and a Photography Tour of Seneca at Christmas time. The board reviewed and approved the brochure and letter for the Golf Classic mailing as submitted by committee chairman David Hutfles. Secretary DarlAnn Rial was directed to file a Tourism and Travel Council grant application for printing the brochures.

Frances Davis requested that the Kelly traveling display and miniature town begin a rotation throughout Nemaha County communities. After discussing the locations for the traveling display, President Anita Heiman offered to make contacts for reserving sites. Dean Rial agreed to deliver the Kelly displays.

In response to inquiries, the board discussed the development of a designated donor fund and agreed to research the project. This fund would be used for collecting donated funds for matching preservation grants.

The board discussed and approved summer preservation classes at the museum to promote individuals in historic Nemaha County communities. Format and schedule will be submitted at the May 11, 2010 quarterly meeting.

There being no other business, the board adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

In attendance at the meeting were Anita Heiman, Dean and DarlAnn Rial, Richard Schmitz and Frances Davis.

Signed: *DarlAnn S. Rial* DarlAnn S. Rial, Secretary