

Nemaha County Historical Society Inc.

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING 7 PM

AUGUST 9, 2011 – Burger Annex I, Seneca, KS

After declaring a quorum, President Anita Heiman called the Quarterly Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 9, 2011.

Secretary: The minutes of the July 12th Organization Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Alma Ackerman and second by Joyce Olberding. Correspondence from the Court of Tax Appeals, State of Kansas, Docket No. 2011-1265 TX in the matter of rejection of the application of Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc. for exemption from AD Valorem Taxation in Nemaha County, Kansas was reviewed. The decision was based on the fact that the Masonic Temple is Not yet a museum. The board agreed to re-file application for exemption from AD Valorem Tax after it is open to the public as a museum.

Treasurer: The treasurer presented a report of \$6,340.65 income and \$4,357.74 expenses for the month of July. The current balance in the Military Exhibit fund is \$5,131.84 and the landscaping Fund Balance is \$1,811.19. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Alma Ackerman and second by Eugene Visser. The treasurer submitted outstanding bills for repair to the Masonic Temple of \$3,209.79 (Seneca Ready Mix: \$292.50; Suther Building Supply \$196.59; Koch Welding \$200; Miller and Heiman \$1734.25; Koelzer Lumber \$740.19) and purchase of storage shed to Koelzer Lumber for \$1,462.71. After a thorough discussion of expenditures, the board approved the payments of the outstanding bills on a motion by Dean Rial and second by Eugene Visser.

Financial: Dean Rial reviewed the Burger Investments with Edward Jones which is currently valued at \$40,570.50 with \$66.78 interest earned this month. On a recommendation by Financial Officer Dean Rial, the board approved the opening of a savings account for \$20,000 funds which will not be invested after September 30, 2011. The board approved the investment of the funds, two 10 thousand dollar chunks, into an account in the Community National Bank and the Baileyville State Bank, protected by FIDC, on a motion by DarlAnn Rial and second by Joyce Olberding.

Reports:

Masonic Temple: Contractor Dick Miller of Miller and Heiman Construction reviewed repair on the Masonic Temple and agreed that the main floor is ready for use after the inventory is completed. The basement still needs the south foundation stabilized and the furnace room dried and cleaned. After discussion, the board approved the stabilization of the south basement foundation and the first floor upper windows pending an estimate on a motion by Dean Rial and second by Alma Ackerman.

After discussion of the Masonic Temple fund in the name of the Masonic Lodge with Bob Ackerman, Masonic Treasurer, it was generally agreed that the remaining building funds would be transferred into the Nemaha County Historical Society's bank account in order pay utilities and repair bills. The board agreed that President Anita Heiman and Vice President Richard Schmitz will schedule a presentation to the Seneca City Council for free utilities or at least the residential rate for utilities to the Masonic Temple museum building.

Director: Diane Rottinghaus reviewed the work being done by the four new volunteers, Katie Holthaus, Sally Lauer, Sharon Steinlage and Edith Deters. She also presented the list of items in temporary custody: WWII uniform from Lisa Bindel belonging to her

brother, Leo Jurgenmeier, and braided rug from Diane Barbermade by her mother, Bertha Mealy. Archivist DarlAnn Rial reported the donation of some of Leon Bohm's military items to his memorial in the Community Building in Dubois, Nebraska.

Memorials: Joyce Olberding reported two \$50 memorial plaques have been mounted for Elmer Koelzer and James Sheik.

Membership: Alma Ackerman report 21 new members, two business members. Thirty-eight current members have not paid their dues for the 2011-2012 year.

Promotion-Publicity: Clara Reinecke renewed plans for the Nemaha County Historical Society Face Book page. She reviewed several possibilities for promotion of the museum including a story on the 1946 story in the Saturday Night Post about Seneca.

Lawn and landscaping: Discussion of spraying for stickers by Eldon Olberding and Dan Ronnebaum was followed by the information that Frank Lindermuth is moving to Topeka and will not be able to help Eldon with mowing. The new grass project at the Masonic Temple will begin tomorrow, August 10th.

Maintenance: Joyce Olberding reported deterioration of the outside, north door on Burger Annex I. Summer Maintenance chair Bob Ackerman will inspect the door.

Fundraising: Alma Ackerman reported \$78 profit from the coffee and roll booth at the Car Show. Richard Schmitz reported that the 2012 tractor cruise will go to Bern instead of Centralia. Eugene Visser has agreed to coordinate the Hwy. 36 garage sale. The tables will be set up after Labor Day. Clara suggested and the board agreed that the bake sale will be a part of the Hwy 36 garage sale, and the promotion of a pre-sale shopping spree for anyone donating some bake goods will be encouraged. Clara will create an ad and flyer. The Golf Classic Committee will meet at 8 a.m. on Weds. August 10th.

Events: The military exhibit committee will meet with consultant on Saturday, August 13th at 10 a.m. and survey possibilities of moving military items to the Masonic Temple and temporary exhibits for Heritage Days on October 2nd. The Heritage Days Event's committee will meet on Monday, August 15th at 8 a.m. to develop a schedule and issue invitations. In preparation for the event, the board agreed to sell the 1950's stove standing in Annex II as iron. The board set Saturday, November 12th for the Veterans Day Reception Event. Clara will schedule format, Sandra will be asked to interview veterans and Harry Stewart will be asked to film the event which will be held in Burger Annex I.

There being no other business, the board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

In attendance at the meeting were Anita Heiman, Dean and DarlAnn Rial, Richard Schmitz, Joyce Olberding, Alma and Bob Ackerman, Diane Rottinghaus, Eugene Visser, Clara Reinecke and Harry Stewart. Harry Stewart was called out on an emergency as the meeting was opened.

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