

Rose Hill Historical Society Minutes
April 6, 2016, 7:00 pm @ Pleasant Center School

Members present: Chris Wendt, Mark Alley, Virginia Alley, Tom Linot, Janis Linot, Becky Rierson, Trevor Johnson, Daryl Futhey, Marion Futhey, Helen McMurphy, Rhonda Cooper, Rick Cooper and Cindy Bradford. Secretary Janie Barnard was absent with prior notice.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by president Keith Cox.

The agenda and minutes were both approved as was the treasurers report. A balance of \$19,706.43 was reported. Marion reported that the society had voted previously to send \$100 to project graduation but somehow he forgot to pay it. He said he would call and see if they are still needing funds. The city sent their annual grant to the society. In addition, only 60 members have paid their dues out of 114. Several of those 60 have lifetime memberships so don't have to repay every year.

Cox reported the mowing has begun at the museum. There is a wild mulberry tree in the front yard that he has cut off repeatedly, so now they are checking in to some way to get the stump removed.

Janis and Linda King are changing the window in the museum to reflect spring. Cindy reported that Marshall brought in many items including a number of negatives. Janis and Cindy will be going through these treasures the next few Saturdays.

Daryl Futhey's daughter, Annie, is currently being trained on how to enter items in to our record system. Jack Carr was in charge of this in the past. There are several records to be entered.

It was questioned by Chris Wendt whether the society was going to renew their membership to the Chamber of Commerce. Marion reported they had not paid their dues to the society for a number of years so the society had voted not to renew.

Rhonda Cooper reported the planning for the annual firework stand is underway. The society has received approval to hold the event in the old Apple Market parking lot. She and Daryl have been working on the paperwork and are now ready to go to the city with fees and permits.

Saturday April 16 will be the first annual community speaker program. This year Becky Rierson has planned for a speaker in conjunction with a pancake feed and silent auction to raise money for a building fund. Cindy was able to arrange a speaker from the Kansas Humanities Council. He will speak about the real cowboy and how they influenced today's meat industry. Cindy applied for and received a grant to pay for this speaker. Jim Gray is a sixth-generation Kansan who co-founded the COWBOY (Cockeyed Old West Band Of Yahoos) Society to promote and preserve Kansas's cowboy heritage through the bi-monthly newspaper, *Kansas Cowboy*. The executive director of the National Drovers Hall of Fame, he is the author of *Desperate Seed*:

Ellsworth Kansas on the Violent Frontier and writes the newspaper column "The Way West." He will speak at 6 pm.

Becky named many auction items that will be dropped off starting Wednesday. She and Cindy are in the process of making posters. Set up will begin at 3 pm and Becky reminded everyone she really needs help with set up and clean up.

The society is still looking for someone that is willing to take on the Membership Committee Chairmanship. They need someone to come up with ways to campaign for new members and encourage the old to pay their dues.

The Citywide Garage Sale will be April 30. The group talked about what they would do that day. It was decided to take the year off unless someone came up with an idea between now and then. The chamber will have a pancake feed from 6:30 am until 10 am. The Senior Center has a sloppy joe dinner 11-1.

The society received 21 applications for the Jack Carr Memorial Scholarship. They will be taken to Jamie Brazda for distribution with the other judges (Craig Linot and Janie Barnard.) The resultant winner will be announced at the Honors Banquet on May 6. Scott Carr and two of his children will award it. Cindy asked them to share the involvement Jack had with the school to keep his memory alive.

The group discussed the possibility of adding a building. It was discussed and decided building at the lot across from the school was not feasible at this point. They decided to go on with the plans for a building behind the current museum. They tabled a vote until next meeting at which time an absolute decision would be made whether to borrow the money from Mark Alley.

Adjourn: It was moved (Mark Alley) and seconded (Janis Linot) to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

The next meeting will be May 4.