

Rose Hill Historical Society Minutes

April 1, 2009, 7:00 pm @ Rose Hill Historical Museum

Members present: Only current **PAID** memberships are allowed to vote.

Janis Linot, Vice-President; Marion Futhey, Treasurer; Jack Carr, Frank McMurphy, Daryl Futhey, Mark Conway, Dennis Webster, Karen Royal, Keith Cox, Cindy Bradford, Helen McMurphy, Colleen and Jay Bradley. **GUESTS:** Nick and Trudy Jones.

AGENDA: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Vice-President, Janis Linot. Mark Conway moved to approve the agenda; Colleen Bradley seconded. Motion approved. Keith Cox moved to approve the March minutes; Helen McMurphy seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Marion Futhey reported the balance of \$5,463.66. The Historical Society has received 501C approval from the IRS. Paperwork will be kept with other financial documents until a desk and safe are installed. Jack Carr moved to approve the financial report; Daryl Futhey seconded. Motion approved.

Member reports: Mayor Mark Conway reported the city attorney is working on legal documents for the historical society. They are also working with the "Museum of World Treasures" in Wichita and will design documents similar to those documents. This should make completion of these forms faster.

Cemetery Committee report: No one was present from the cemetery committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fund raising:** The city wide garage sale is Saturday, April 25. Janis Linot and Colleen Bradley removed most of the items to be sold and they are being stored in an enclosed trailer. Items will be offered for a donation to the society. Nothing being sold is of historical significance.
- **Membership:** Discussion about membership and wording used in the By-Laws: individuals can purchase a lifetime membership for \$100 but the society had not meant that for organizations. The organizational membership will remain \$50 per year. It was agreed the wording should be finalized in committee and come back to the society for approval. Cindy Bradford moved to send the wording back to committee; Colleen Bradley seconded. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation & brochures to RH Alumni Association; Karen Royal, Alumni Banquet organizer, has asked someone from the Historical Society to be present to staff a table and speak briefly to attendees. The banquet is Saturday, May 23. It was decided to table this decision until the May meeting.

Abstract: Linot announced the abstract was found after the last monthly meeting. This will help outline the history of the building. The only picture they have been able to locate is an aerial shot taken during a funeral held at the Methodist Church across the street. It was felt this would suffice for the application for historical designation, but the society is hopeful a better picture will surface. Anyone with a picture of the building at

106 S Main Street, especially around the turn of the century, is asked to contact City Hall or Janis Linot. Colleen Bradley will continue with documentation for historical designation.

Visiting other museums: Janis Linot, Keith Cox, Colleen Bradley and others have visited museums to gather ideas and advice. Mulvane Museum is open daily but receives a budget from the school district. They offered to donate a corner display case. The Douglass Museum had many ideas and have a couple of cases they may donate. The Oil Museum of El Dorado has local memorabilia behind locked doors, not open to the public. Linot suggested others visit museums and return with ideas. All the curators suggested it is difficult to learn to say no. Be gracious, but some items must be turned away for space reasons. It was suggested clothing not be hung on hangers, but displayed without hanging and out of direct light. Some museums have a hands-on kids' room with things like a wash-tub and board and other things they can do.

Elect three Society members to serve on the Board of Directors with Officers: According to the by-laws it is necessary to appoint three society members as part of the Board of Directors. Keith Cox, Jack Carr, and Jay Bradley were appointed to the board for a term of two years.

Committee Formation: In order to continue the forward progress at the museum the officers appointed committees. The committee chairs (designated with an *) are to report next meeting with ideas and actions. Any request for funds must go before the board.

- **Grounds:** *Matt Bates, Keith Cox, Mark Conway, Frank McMurphy.
- **Finance and Budget:** *Marion Futhey, Jack Carr, Dan Woydziak, Dennis Webster.
- **Staging and Decorating:** *Cindy Bradford, Cindy Maxey, Karen Royal.
- **Records:** *Jay Bradley, Janie Barnard, Daryl Futhey, Annette Schmidt.
- **Artifacts and History:** *Janis Linot, Martin Herbers, Marshall Futhey, Carol Nelson, Oliver Nelson, Helen McMurphy.
- **Fundraising:** *Colleen Bradley, Dorothy Wilks.
- **Cemeteries:** Galen Hinshaw (Friends Church), Oliver Nelson (Rose Hill), Gayle Futhey (Dunlap), Martin Herbers (Richland).

Miscellaneous Discussion: Colleen Bradley moved Rose Hill Historical Society join the "Kansas Museum Association." Workshops, grants, loans and other benefits are available for a \$35 annual fee. Jack Carr seconded. Motion approved.

A disk was found with pictures of everything in the "Harris Farm Supply" safe. It was wondered where the safe was.

Mark Conway reported the city has still allocated \$2,500 yearly for the historical society.

The old Harris Farm Supply truck may come available to the society. Keith Cox offered his shed as a place to store it until the museum can find a suitable site.

More folding chairs are needed. Several members said they may have some and will report back at the next meeting.

Adjourn: At 8:08 pm it was moved by Colleen Bradley the meeting adjourn. Ray Bradley seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting: May 6, 2009 @ 7pm @ Rose Hill Historical Museum.

Submitted by Cindy Bradford.

2009 meeting dates: June 3; July 1; August 6; September 3; October 7; November 4; December 2.