

Minutes of the Knox County Historical Society

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Knox County Historical Society was called to order by President Brent Karhoff at 7:00 p.m. at the Blue Room meeting room.

Brent asked Evan Glasgow, Knox County Presiding Commissioner, to address the membership regarding the ARPA funds received by Knox County. Evan confirmed that the historical society's application is being considered along with several others. He said when they are prioritizing the applications, a long-term investment in the community is important as opposed to regular expenses such as salaries. Evan said some of the approved applicants will be announced in the near future.

Copies of the April 19, 2022, meeting were available for review. Motion was made by Betty Jo Gonnerman and seconded by John Webb to approve the minutes. Motion carried. Janice McGinnis gave the Treasurer's report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brent confirmed that an application has been submitted to the Knox County Commissioners for ARPA funds to replace the front porch flooring; replace siding on the storage building; and to replace and extend sidewalks to make the museum more accessible to everyone. Brent also reported that he appreciates Ronnie Leckbee's assistance with maintenance of the restroom at the museum. Old carpeting has been removed; new faucets installed; and a new toilet has been purchased to be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

The museum will be open to the public the following Saturdays: July 22nd; August 13th; and August 27th. During the Corn Festival, the museum will be open on Saturday, September 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The hours of operation for the other Saturdays was discussed. Motion was made by John Webb to be open 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. RaNae Vaughn seconded the motion, and it carried.

Ann annual fundraiser for the historical society is a trivia tournament in the fall. Brent reported that he has reserved the Knights of Columbus Hall for this event on Saturday, October 22nd.

Last year the annual Knox County Christmas event, sponsored by the Chamber, was the Saturday after Thanksgiving. If they host this again, there was a consensus to participate. Volunteers will be scheduled as soon as a date is set.

REPORTS

Brent reported that Saturday, May 21st, several members participated in a field trip which included the Rock Creek Cemetery and the Adair County Historical Society Museum. Anita James addressed the group at the Rock Creek Cemetery and gave a program on the history of the cemetery. She quoted statistics about those that are buried there and shared some interesting stories about their lives. Brent said the field trip continued with lunch at Kirksville and then a guided tour of the Adair County Museum. Everyone agreed they learned a lot about the history of Northeast Missouri and look forward to the next field trip.

Mike Wood brought an 1827 flintlock muzzle loaded from his collection to share with the group. He said he acquired it from a family member, along with the extensive history of the gun, including the fact that it was used in the Battle of San Jacinto. Everyone found the history of the muzzle loaded to be quite interesting.

Motion was made by John Webb and seconded by Pam Witherow to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Margaret Gibson, Secretary