



MINUTES - SEK Museum Alliance Board Meeting

October 6, 2022, 9am - Noon

Independence Museum & Arts Center, Independence, KS

Board members present: Leanne Githens, Gina McBride, Jolene Born, Ed Born, Carol Staton, Ray Rothgeb, and Marcia Taylor Trump.

President Ray Rothgeb called the meeting to order at 9am, with 7 members present.

Ed moved to approve the agenda as amended. Leanne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 10 board meeting was reviewed. Marcia moved to approve the minutes as presented. Carol seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report –

Treasurer Jolene presented the financial statement. The balance on hand as of September 30, 2022 is \$1,568.57. Gina presented a bill in the amount of \$264.00 for website renewal. Carol moved to approve the financial statement and pay the bill. Jolene seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report/SEKTR Report –

- Ray reported that SEKTR is still working on their dues structure. SEKMA would be in the category that has a vote, but individual museums would not. The proposed dues structure has tier levels for varying levels of benefits received.
- Ray and Jolene reported on the status of the 501c3 application. Jolene has submitted the application but has not received the final approval. \$304 will be due.

Future meeting dates/locations/programs:

- Ray reported that the future meetings have been confirmed and are:
 - o Nov. 12, 2022 – St. Paul - Humanities KS speaker, Diana Staresinic-Deane, "Researching Your Home and the People Who Lived There". Jolene has applied for the Humanities KS grant.
 - o Feb. 11, 2023 – Independence - Emily Cowen, Abandoned KS.org
 - o Apr. 8, 2023 – Yates Center - Marci Penner, KS Sampler Festival, KS Guidebook for Explorers

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Budget Planning Discussion**
 - o Changes needed to reflect the increased amount for website hosting were discussed and the 2024 Budget will reflect that.
- **Video Project for 2022-2023**
 - o Ray will create a survey based on the suggestions from the board. It will be posted by October 11 to all members.
- **Bylaws**
 - o They were completed and approved at the Sept. 10 general meeting.
- **KMA Passport Presentation**
 - o Marcia reported that she is working on a presentation and will be contacting people for input.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Membership**
 - The need for a Membership Committee was discussed. Ray made a motion to establish a membership committee and write a project description for said committee. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion carried. Several names were suggested for this committee.
- **Publicity**
 - The need for a Publicity Committee to handle press releases and other publicity was discussed. The discussion centered around the purpose of press releases – meeting announcements vs. reporting on meetings held. The importance of committee guidelines was agreed upon. Marcia made a motion to establish a Publicity Committee. Gina seconded the motion. Motion carried. Several names were suggested for this committee.
- **On-line Dues Payments**
 - A discussion of the pros and cons of establishing an on-line method of dues payment was held. Following that discussion, Leanne made a motion to establish a Paypal account for that purpose as soon as the 501c3 status is approved. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Substitute Programing**
 - The need for having substitute programming available on short notice was discussed. The American Association for State and Local History has programming that might work for this purpose. Carol will compile a list for future use as needed.
- **Programming Possibilities for Next Year**
 - The need for a program on technologies used by museums was discussed. This could include the use of Paypal, Websites, Jot Form, and others. Gina might be a possible presenter.
- **Board Election Procedures for the November Meeting**
 - The 3-year terms of Ed Born from the East Region, and Gina McBride from the West Region are up for election/re-election. Both are willing to serve if elected. Oct. 22 was set as the date for members to return nomination forms for the Nov. 12 meetings. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting.
- **Newsletter Suggestions**
 - Leanne welcomed topics to be included in the Fall Newsletter that will be emailed to all museums in the area prior to the November meeting.

Next Board Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be held November 12, immediately following the general meeting. The purpose of that meeting will be to elect officers

Adjournment

- Gina made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Submitted, Leanne Githens, SEK Museum Alliance Board Secretary