



MINUTES - SEK Museum Alliance Board Meeting

March 16, 2022, 9am - Noon

Fredonia Public Library, Fredonia, KS

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

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

Carol moved to approve the agenda. Leanne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 27 board meeting was reviewed. Marcia moved to approve the minutes as printed. Jolene seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report –

Treasurer Jolene presented the financial statement. The balance on hand as of March 15, 2022 is \$1,188.57. Jolene reported that she had received 16 membership dues payments from both institutions and individuals. The handling of membership lists and dues payments was discussed. It was agreed that Jolene and Ray would meet to discuss the best procedures and make a recommendation to the board at a future meeting. It was also agreed to distribute the current inventory of window membership stickers to new members. Leanne made a motion to approve the financial statement. Carol seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report/SEKTR Report -

- Ray reported that he is still working on the analysis of the passport survey information to get a clearer picture of the impact of the project on area tourism.
- Ray reported that he has provided information about the Alliance to SEKTR, as requested. The status of the Rack Card project is unknown at this point.

April 9 General Meeting – Sedan

- Ray reported on recent communications with meeting host Rosie Sweaney with the Emmett Kelly Museum, and he will follow up on the lunch options. Andy Taylor, speaker, has recently confirmed his program, "Digging in the Morgue – A News Writer's Perspective".
- The meeting agenda was discussed and finalized.

Future meeting dates/locations/programs:

- The future program dates have been set for Sept 10, 2022, Nov. 12, 2022, Feb. 11, 2023, and Apr. 8, 2023.
- Suggestions for future programs were discussed and a list of 8 people/topics proposed. They include:
 - o Marci Penner, KS Sampler Festival
 - o Emily Cohen, Abandoned KS.org
 - o Kelli Orender, KS Tourism

- Nicole Hardesty, Inventory Basics
- Humanities KS speaker, Isais McCaffrey, “Last Stand at Rebel Creek: The Osage as Union Allies in Civil War Kansas”
- Humanities KS speaker, Diana Staresinic-Deane, “Researching Your Home and the People Who Lived There”
- Carl Brenner – Ft. Scott National Historic Site
- Freedom’s Frontier

Ray will share these at the April general meeting and gather input from the attendees to provide direction for the board.

- Locations for future programs was discussed. Gina will email invitations to host to a number of possible museums.

501(c)3 – Jolene reported that she has begun work on the application and that the fee has increased to over \$600.

Web Page – Gina reported that she is updating the website as new information becomes available.

Other –

- The suggestion was made to be prepared with program substitutions in the event that we had a last-minute speaker cancellation. Webinars were suggested.
- Broadcasting our programs by Zoom or Facebook Live was discussed. No clear consensus was reached.

The **next Board Meeting** will be held Wednesday, May 11, 9 am – noon, in Cherryvale. The following board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 10, 9 am – noon, in Howard.

Carol made the motion to adjourn. Jolene seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am

Submitted, Leanne Githens, SEK Museum Alliance Board Secretary