



## MINUTES - SEK Museum Alliance Board Meeting

March 9, 1-3pm

Wilson County Historical Museum, 420 N 7<sup>th</sup>, Fredonia, KS

Board members present: Ray Rothgeb, Leanne Githens, Carol Staton, Gina McBride, Terri Harley

President Ray Rothgeb called the meeting to order at 1pm, with 5 members present.

The minutes of the Jan. 13 board meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Jolene and Ed Born entered the meeting.

**Board Member Openings** - Ray reviewed the status of board position openings and, given the lack of participation by Alli Hamilton, there are two positions to fill. After discussion, Carol moved and Gina seconded a motion to place Jolene Born on the board representing the East Region, and Ed Born representing the at-large position. Motion carried.

**Organization Summary and History Statement** – Ray presented a summary of the Alliance that can be used as talking points with various museums and organizations. Suggestions for additions to the summary were presented. Ray moved and Jolene seconded the motion to approve the summary statement. Motion carried. Gina will send the document out by email to all members.

### **Project/Passport Committee Report –**

**Co-Chairs** - Ray reported that Marcia Taylor of Howard has agreed to co-chair the committee. Kris Crane was suggested to work with Marcia, and Ray will ask her.

**Committee Members** – The following individuals will serve as committee members: Jolene Born, Jacque Zimmer, Sylvia Augustine, Carol Staton, Phyllis Deweese, and Kris Crane if not selected as co-chair. Additional people may be selected to serve on sub-committees.

**Directives for the committee** - Ray will meet with Marcia and the additional co-chair to outline the previous discussions and provide direction for the committee. Gina volunteered to create a fillable form for use by all museums submitting information for inclusion in the Passport.

**Funding** – Discussion was held on the source of funding to print the Passports. The consensus was that each museum should pay a minimum of \$25 to be listed. This proposal will be put forth at the April Alliance meeting. Possible sources of funding discussed were the guest tax collected in each county, as well as a SEK Living Magazine fundraiser.

**Checking Account** – With the anticipation of funds being collected, the need for a checking account is evident. Ray moved and Carol seconded the motion to open a checking account, with the bank selected by the Treasurer, Terri Harley, and the signature card having the names of the treasurer and the president of the board. Community National Bank was recommended due to the multiple branches available. Motion carried.

**Communications Report** – Gina has created a sign-in form for the Alliance meetings that will make that process smoother and more accurate.

The need for an application to host future Alliance meetings was discussed. Leanne volunteered to create one and, after input from the board, have it available at the April meeting.

**Finalizing April Alliance Meeting Agenda** – The board reviewed the proposed agenda for the April 4 meeting at the Brown Mansion in Coffeyville, and made improvements. After reviewing the meeting responses from the February Alliance meeting, the consensus was to plan for a day trip to the Kansas Historical Society & Museum in Topeka. Ray will coordinate with the staff there to plan for a date and topic, hopefully in June. There will be a sign-up form available at the April meeting to gauge participation.

**Museum Definition** – At the February Alliance meeting, the board was tasked with wordsmithing the definition of a museum, to clarify the entities that can be members of the Alliance. After discussion, Terri moved and Jolene seconded the motion to use the following definition:

“A museum is a non-profit institution housed in a building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited.”

Motion carried.

**Future Meeting Dates** – The board will meet May 11 in Fredonia, 1-3pm.

Future Alliance meetings will be held:

Sept. 12, 2020 - Pittsburg

Nov. 14, 2020

Feb. 13, 2021

April 10, 2021

Sept. 11, 2021

Nov. 13, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

Submitted, Leanne Githens, SEK Museum Alliance Board Secretary