

JIM GATCHELL MEMORIAL MUSEUM
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 10, 2017

Present were President Bob Kessler, Vice President Mel Keffer, Secretary Lynn Young, Treasurer Patty Myers, Board member Bill Payne, Director Sylvia Bruner, Store Manager Barb Hartley, JGMM Educator Jennifer Romanoski, GMA President Karen Boggs and County Commissioner Linda Greenough.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by President Bob Kessler.

March meeting minutes were approved. Keffer motioned, Payne seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The treasurers report for April was reviewed, discussed and approved. Keffer moved, Kessler seconded.

New Business

Director discussed the upcoming June 25th field trip. Bus trip to the site of the 2014, 1170 acre, West Range Forest Fire five miles west of Buffalo in Highway 16. Will require \$600 for bus which will be paid from restricted funds. Jennifer Walker from BLM will conduct field trip and make presentations.

JGMM computers are 2009 vintage and showing it's age. Director Bruner announced that JGMM is switching over to Johnson County computer system and internet. The switch will upgrade current system and save some money.

The budget hearing with Johnson County Commissioners is scheduled for June 12 at 9:30 AM.

Jennifer is taking the lead for raising funds for grant matching for purchase of Compact Mobile Shelving Units which will greatly increase storage capacity and efficiency of space. She has applied for multiple grants.

Director's report

Postcard invitations for the exhibit opening on Wednesday, May 17 were mailed out on the 8th.

The first of the wildfire programs is to be held this Friday (May 12) at 6:30 at the library. The program is The Tactical and Strategic use of fire during the Great Sioux War by Karl Brauneis. Free to attend ... tell your friends!

On Friday, May 26 the second in the wildfire program series will be presented at the library - also at 6:30. History of Local Fire Science and Technology, by Jennifer Walker, Jim Shell, and Curtis Rasmuson.

The museum has submitted the initial budget request to the county commissioners for the upcoming fiscal year (starting July 1). Commissioners indicate budgets county-wide will be cut - so everybody is being forewarned. However, information regarding the size of cuts or how they will apply to individual entities is not available.

From Barb - Membership and Memorials:

March/April - three new level one memberships, 10 renewals. One new level 2 membership and 11 renewals. One level 3 renewal.

\$325 received in memorials for Alice Jacobson, and \$245 in memorials for Betty Long.

April / May - two level one renewals and two level two renewals. An additional \$25 received in memory of Alice Jacobson.

Deadline for the next Sentry article is June 1.

Today (May 11) was the last day for collections volunteer Julie Carpenter - she is likely moving on to a part-time job. This means we really have nobody working in collections on a regular basis. Please keep volunteers in mind for this task- they need to be detail oriented, patient, and able to enjoy "quiet" work.

The next JGMM Board meeting is June 8, 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Young