

**JOHNSON COUNTY JIM GATCHELL MEMORIAL MUSEUM**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**April 12, 2018**

Present were President Bob Kessler, Vice President Mel Keffer, Secretary Lynn Young, Treasurer Patty Myers, Board Member Bill Payne, Director Sylvia Bruner, and County Commissioner Bob Perry.

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

Old Business:

March meeting minutes were approved. Myers moved, Keffer seconded.

The treasurer's report for March was reviewed, discussed and approved. Keffer moved, Myers seconded.

New Business:

New Museum Assistant Kelsey McDonnell was detained at the front desk, so she was unable to be formally introduced to the Board. She will attend next month's Board meeting.

Director Bruner presented a draft 2018/2019 budget proposal to be submitted to the County Commission that had been worked out by a committee of Bruner, Myers and Rule. The proposal represents a 15% decrease in last year's approved budget. Last year's budget was a 30% decrease from the previous year's budget. The proposal is a bare bone, no frills request.

Bill Payne moved that the Board accept the 2018/2019 budget proposal as drafted, and it be submitted by the Director to the County Commissioners for their review. Keffer seconded. The motion carried.

Directors report:

May 23 has been set as a Strategic Planning session by the museum staff and board to work out a needed strategic plan for the museum. The all-day session will be facilitated by Tara Kulpers from Cody. Board is requested to attend.

Sam Mihara made two presentations about Heart Mountain Internment Camp to more than 700 students and the public on March 15. It was a very successful program.

The annual history conference is scheduled for April 28 at the American Legion. The subject is the Black and Yellow Trail. Tickets are available.

Living History Day at the museum is Saturday, June 23. The following day, June 24, a living history group from Colorado portraying the Buffalo Soldiers will perform a "Wild West" show at the Fairground 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Some grants for the cost of the program have already been awarded and more requests are being submitted.

A new exhibit, *A Snapshot in Time: Fort McKinney Scrapbook* will open on May 19 and be combined with a celebration of re-accreditation. Plans are being made for the celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

The next JGMM Board meeting is May 10, 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Young, Secretary