Present were President Bob Kessler, Vice President Mel Keffer, Secretary Lynn Young, Board Member Bill Payne, Director Sylvia Bruner, Museum Educator Jennifer Romanoski, GMA Representative Nancy Pedro, and guests Sharon Miller and Brucie Connell.

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

Old Business:
December meeting minutes were approved. Young moved, Keffer seconded.

The treasurer’s report for December was reviewed and discussed. Report was approved. Keffer moved, Payne seconded. Director pointed out that there is a shortfall in county tax collections resulting in a significant shortfall of payments to the museum for this fiscal year.

New Business:
The treasurer position on the board is vacant due to the resignation from the board of treasurer Patty Myers. Young made a motion that Bill Payne be elected to the treasurer position. Kessler seconded. The motion passed. Bill Payne will be the board’s new treasurer.

The board began the ongoing review of the Johnson County Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum Policy Statements. The Director presented and discussed proposed changes to Purpose and Objectives which were approved in 1989 and revised in October 2014. Also Director presented and discussed proposed changes to Code of Ethics, which were drafted in 2016 and approved in September of 2016. Board members have until close of business on January 11 to present additional comments or proposed changes.

Directors report:

The elevator is still not working properly.

Keith Hahn of Rockin K Forge has started work on railing components for the cabin project.

The museum has received new rack cards, business cards and stationary funded by marketing and technology of the 1% fund grant. New outdoor signs are being ordered.

The web hosting storage capacity for the new web site needs to be increased to accommodate the new web site, resulting in a $5 per month increase in the server hosting fee.

A very successful Indian ledger art program was presented to schools and the public on January 9.

There were 1037 visitors logged in December (website, research, shoppers). The Museum store sales resulted in $3500 in December, which was up from $1,888 last year.

The next JGMM Board meeting is February 14, 2019, 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Young, Secretary