

JOHNSON COUNTY JIM GATCHELL MEMORIAL MUSEUM
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 9, 2020

Because of the COVID-19 virus, the board meeting was held by conference call. The agenda, March financial report and minutes, and the Directors report were sent out in advance of the call.

Present in the conference call were President Mel Keffer, Vice President Sharon Miller, Secretary Lynn Young, Treasurer Bill Payne, Board Member Brucie Connell, Director Sylvia Bruner, Museum Educator Jennifer Romanoski, and Museum Assistant Kelsey McDonnell.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by President Mel Keffer

Old Business:

The March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Connell moved, Miller seconded.

The financial report for February was reviewed and discussed. Report was approved. Miller moved, Payne seconded. The current year budget shortfall was discussed.

New Business:

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) proposed budget was discussed. The board moved to direct Bookkeeper Chanda Rule, Director Sylvia Bruner, Treasurer Bill Payne and Vice President Sharon Miller to prepare the 2020/2021 proposed budget to be presented to the county commissioners. Miller moved, Connell seconded. Motion passed,

Directors report:

There was no April GMA meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The museum has been closed to the public since March 17 due to the pandemic. County offices have also closed to the public and we are taking cues from the county.

JCTA (tourism/lodging tax board) grant request for 2020: \$4,000 approved to be used for advertising. Congratulations to Jennifer for writing the successful grant request.

The museum supplied 150 small “art kits” to Meadowlark school on April 6. These were distributed to local young children who are not at school (due to the corona virus shutdowns). These kits were paid for with restricted funds.

Director and board attended the April 7 online/audio commissioners meeting. The commissioners did not have answers to our questions. They indicated they do not know how much money will still come in during this fiscal year, they do not know how much will come in during next fiscal year, and they did not provide any instruction as to how we should budget for ongoing shortfalls.

Next Board meeting is May 14, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,