

**JOHNSON COUNTY JIM GATCHELL MEMORIAL MUSEUM**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**August 12, 2021**

Present at the meeting were Secretary Lynn Young, Treasurer Sharon Miller, board member Brucie Connell, new board member Sabina Damone, new board member Craig Cope (by phone), Director Sylvia Bruner, Museum Educator Jennifer Romanoski, GMA Representative Nancy Pedro, guest Bill Payne, and Buffalo Bulletin reporter Alex Hargrove.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Board member Brucie Connell.

**Old Business:**

The June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Young moved, Miller seconded.

The financial report for July and end of year were reviewed and discussed. Reports were approved..Miller moved, Young seconded.

The August financial report was reviewed and discussed and approved. Miller moved, Cope seconded.

**New Business:**

New board members, Sabina Damone and Craig Cope, were introduced.

Election of officers was held, voted on and approved. Brucie Connell; Chair; Craig Cope, Vice-chair; Treasurer; Sharon Miller, Secretary; Lynn Young,

Over the years there have been numerous requests for photography within the museum, and visitors have been asked to refrain from any photography. Current policy forbids photographs by visitors. A discussion was held about the policy and its reasons. Director pointed out that there have been requests from some contributors of artifacts that no photography be allowed of the donated artifacts. Director also pointed out that all of those requests are confined to the Native American gallery, After discussion, a motion was made and approved that the museum allow non-flash photography in the museum, except for the Native American gallery, through the end of the calendar year, and then assess whether that policy should be extended. Miller moved, Damone seconded.

A discussion was held about the possibility of moving some funds from WYO-Star account to WYO-Star II account which may return a higher interest rate. The discussion was tabled for more information.

Sheridan museum has asked for an extension of the loan of WWII uniform (Collection A-2003.024) to 01/31/2022. The board approved the request. Connell moved, Miller seconded.

**Directors report:**

Jess with Vester Logic has begun working on modification of museum web site.

The museum has recently received large bound volumes of maps, blueprints, photographs, etc. to be added to the US Forest Service collection.

Museum has received an estimate for needed repairs to make the elevator functional. Hopefully the work will begin soon.

Prep work has begun for the yearly audit.

The museum is in the process of receiving a large anonymous donation, much of which may be used to work towards catching up on the backlog of collections work.

There was a discussion about of the GMA mission, the roles GMA board and the Museum board. A suggestion was made that the director try to put together a joint informational meeting between the GMA board, the Museum board and the Johnson County attorney. The director will pursue such a meeting.

Wine About History programs: (6:00 p.m. on the lawn)

August 18: *McCarthy Era Politics: The Ordeal of Senator Lester Hunt*. By Rick Ewig.

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Next Board meeting is Thursday September 9, 2021 at 3:00 PM..

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,