

JOHNSON COUNTY JIM GATCHELL MEMORIAL MUSEUM
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 16, 2023

Present at the meeting were President Brucie Connell, Vice President Craig Cope, Secretary Lynn Young, Treasurer Sharon Miller, board member Sabina Damone, Director Sylvia Bruner, GMF member Barb Mueller and guest Mitch Black.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by President Brucie Connell

Barb Mueller gave a brief update on the Gatchell Museum Foundation fund raising event at the fairgrounds, Sunday, April 23.

Old Business:

February minutes were reviewed and approved. Cope moved, Miller seconded.

March financial report was discussed, reviewed and approved. Young moved, Damone seconded. Miller reviewed and explained Gatchell financial graphs.

New Business:

As identified in the museum strategic plan, the historic Carnegie building is in need of major restoration, repair and stabilization.. The mortar and stone is deteriorating and in need of repair and stabilization, along with other needed major drainage and stabilization projects. Cost could be \$500,000. Director Bruner requested that a new line item restricted account be created to house a Carnegie Building Capitol Campaign fund.

Young made a motion that a new restricted account be created for the purpose of restoration and stabilization of the Carnegie building. Cope seconded. The motion passed.

A fund raising Carnegie Building Capitol Campaign project plan and priorities is being developed by the museum.

Directors report:

1% grant request has been submitted for gallery lighting.

Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum book signing and open house on March 2 was successful and well attended.

Lighting in the Mike Thomas exhibit gallery has been replaced and new cases are being constructed. Work and grant applications for exhibit catalog, brochure and publications is underway. Planned exhibit opening is Friday, May 12.

Museum Director is presenting three programs on the US Forest Service collection.

Museum bathrooms have been updated.

Needed plumbing and furnace maintenance projects are underway.

Next Board meeting is April 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Young, Secretary