

JOHNSON COUNTY JIM GATCHELL MEMORIAL MUSEUM
Board of Trustees Meeting at JGMM Meeting Room, Buffalo, Wyoming
October 19, 2023

Present at the meeting were president Brucie Connell, treasurer Craig Cope, secretary Lynn Young, board member Cynthia Pallister, board member Sabina Damone, director Sylvia Bruner, museum assistant Kelsey McDonnell, guests Paul and Christina Haworth, guests Rex and Karen Harvey, and county commissioner Bob Perry.

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

Old Business:

September minutes were reviewed and approved. Damone moved, Cope seconded.

October financial report was reviewed, discussed and approved. Damone moved, Pallister seconded. The financial graphs were reviewed and discussed.

Unfinished/tabled business:

Paul Haworth gave an update and led a discussion of a draft letter to be sent to Individual life members of the former GMA, which would acknowledge the individual's continued support and offer to provide a subscription to the *Sentry* at no cost and a store discount of 10%.

Commissioner Perry lead a lengthy discussion about the Museum separation from the GMA, and the Museum's options to move forward.

New Business: The board discussed and decided to send out the amended life membership letter. Cope moved, Damone seconded.

Policy review was tabled to next meeting.

New Business:

A motion was passed to apply the \$10,000 grant from the award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to the museum support restricted account. Damone moved, Pallister seconded.

Directors report:

- Susan Theunes 93 hours of volunteer work resulted in completion of several much needed collection projects and updates.
- The UW Malcolm Wallop modules are completed and the second \$500 payment has been submitted to the museum.
- The museum has been selected to host Smithsonian Spark! traveling exhibit via WY Humanities next year, and several 2024 collaborations and presentations are planned with WY State Museum, Brinton Museum, Sheridan Community Land Trust and Johnson County Historical Society.
- WY PBS conducted interviews at the museum for a program about WY outlaws for next year.
- Museum submitted a \$50,000 grant application to WY Cultural Trust Fund for the Carnegie building repair.
- Sam Mihara's museum sponsored Internment programs were attended by nearly 600 adults and BHS students.
- Two minor items are completed resulting from last fire marshal inspection.
- Auditors are currently collecting information and will be on site in December.
- Carnegie building phase 1 is on temporary hold while stones are being cut. Fund raising income at \$68,425.

Next Board meeting is November 16, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Young, Secretary