

Cleveland County Historical Society

Minutes for Virtual Meeting, September 11 – September 25, 2020

Members: Mae Cox, Sue Schrems, Vernon Maddux, Robertson Million, Riley Million, Mae Cox, Barbara Million, John Hughes, and Jean McCracken. Ex-Officio: Amy Pence

1. Call to Order – Website shared with board members

- Review of August's minutes.
- All members in attendance voted to approve minutes.

2. City Report:

- No James Briggs report.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- City grant check has been deposited. \$30,800, same as previous years.
- All members in attendance voted to approve report.

4. Manager's Report:

- Four new donations to archive, including the Lindsay family's china.
- We are beginning to allow rentals and field trips on a case-by-case basis.
- Last check from 2019-2020 NAC grant has been received.
- New intern, Heather Franks, will be at the museum this semester.
- All members in attendance voted to approve report.

5. Old Business:

- Security cameras
 - OHS approved using \$1360 in grant funds to pay for the installation of the security cameras.
 - All members in attendance voted to approve hiring of First Priority Alarm Systems to install the cameras due to their estimate being the lowest.

6. New Business:

- New Book
 - Sue is writing a new book on Central State Hospital. Requested permission to use funds from the Book Account to

- pay for related expenses.
- All members in attendance voted to approve use of Book Account funds for the new book.
- Research request
 - The NAC is looking for more information on race relations and what life was like for people of color in Norman from the 1960s to today. Amy asked if any members of the board could recommend a source for this information or would be willing to do research on the topic.
 - Jean recommended reading John Womack's Cleveland County history book.
 - John, Barbara, Riley, Vernon, Sue, and Mae all indicated that they would be interested in helping with the research.
- Christmas planning
 - Amy put forth a proposal for Christmas events at the museum.
 - Barbara, Jean, and Mae all expressed concerns about having any events at the museum for Christmas due to the virus.
 - All members in attendance voted yes to hosting the open house in 3 1-hour sessions and requiring pre-registration.
 - Members overwhelmingly voted to keep the name the same, Christmas Open House.
 - No majority decision was reached on what to charge for the event.
 - A majority voted approval to allow free admission for those who can show financial hardship, to rent the carriage for 4 hours, to include the cost of the carriage ride in the price of admission, and to use take-home goody boxes rather than serving food.
 - All members in attendance voted to approve the use of \$500 of operating funds for Christmas expenses, as well as the hosting of an ornament workshop, a Christmas tea party, and a Mrs. Claus story time.
 - All members in attendance indicated that they would be willing to help decorate the house.
 - A second Christmas proposal will be put forward for discussion and voting next month.

7. Adjourn

- Amy "adjourned" the meeting on September 25 after all votes had been counted.

