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## **MUSEUM BOARD MINUTES**

May 19, 2022 – 6:30pm  
Fenton Museum

Vice Chair Adair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Tippet, Vizard, Adair, Sage

Absent: D. Seger, Wheeler

Others Present: Jason Payne, Building/Zoning Administrator  
Connie Foley, Doug Tebo, Allie Seibert

### **MINUTES**

**Motion by Tippet, Supported by Vizard, to approve the minutes from March 15, 2022  
Motion Carried**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Porch Repairs**

Jason Payne stated he has not received the information as to the color of paint or how much to purchase from anyone. Connie Foley from the Historical Society stated her brother Terry Foley, is unable to do the repairs but would be able to paint and she would get the paint information to Jason. Jason also said he hasn't heard back from any contractors who would be interested in doing the repairs. It was suggested that everyone ask around and see if they knew someone who would be interested in doing the repairs; possibly a retired handyman. The pillars and porch are in dire need of repairs and paint and they should be power washed before painting. Jason said he would talk to Jon, City Maintenance, to do the power washing. As far as removing the air conditioners, it was discovered that they are hard wired in and to have them removed, new siding, trim and wiring would have to be done, so it is more costly to have it done.

#### **2. Finishing the Upstairs Space**

Jason Payne stated he hasn't heard back from Brad Alvord regarding doing plans for the entire upstairs. He also added that there just isn't enough funds in the budget to do the project. Sean Sage stated we need to have a better plan as far as going before Council to get funds approved to do projects like the pillar repairs redoing the upstairs. He added it would be beneficial to work with the Historical Society and put a plan together to do this. He suggested meeting with members of the Historical Society over coffee and come up with some ideas, along with doing some fundraising as well.

### **3. Sign**

Jason said he found the sign, did some repairs to it, and it is now up! He also spoke to Mrs. Martha Hypio-Irwin, who would like to do some kind of memorial for Ken Seger. She wanted to plant a tree in front of museum, but told her there were too many obstacles (water/sewer lines) to be able to do that. He suggested possibly doing a new sign. Connie Foley added that the Historical Society received about a \$1,300 donation to also do something for Mr. Seger. It was suggested that Mrs. Hypio-Irwin's donation be combined with the \$1,300 and they could possibly look into purchasing a bench.

### **4. Update on Current Budget/funds**

Jason Payne stated the Museum Board receives about \$17,000 each budget year and out of that there is about \$4,000 for building maintenance and \$5,000 for capital outlay. There is about \$6,000 for utilities, so they get roughly \$9,000 a year to work on the building. Sean Sage added that the board needs to make sure they spend what they receive each year because the funds do not roll-over to the next. Sage again added that this board needs to do a better job approaching Council about receiving more funds for their projects.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Appoint New Chairperson & Recommend new Member to Council**

Matt Adair stated the Board needs to find a new member to replace Leo Doan. Ms. Allie Seibert, who was in attendance, said she would be interested in being on the Board. She gave a little background of herself and said she would submit an application. Discussion also took place on who would like to take over as chairperson; Matt said he was still interested in being vice-chair. The following motions were then made:

**MOTION BY TIPPETT, SUPPORTED BY ADAIR, to appoint Mickey Vizard as the new chairperson. MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION BY SAGE, SUPPORTED BY VIZARD, to recommend to City Council the appointment of Allie Seibert to the Museum Board. MOTION PASSED.**

### **CALL TO AUDIENCE**

Connie Foley announced that the Museum will be participating in the Dibbleville Yard Sale this weekend. She also stated the Historical Society received two grants from the Fenton Fund and their goal is to have the Museum open more days especially during the festivals. Bev Tippet added that the front room (Victorian Room) could be more utilized for outside meetings. Bev also added that the problem with having the Museum open more days was getting volunteers to be here while it is open. We need to be more creative with getting volunteers to help out with the Museum. Sean added that the high school's NHS is always looking for ways to volunteer and we should reach out to them. Connie suggested putting something on Face Book for volunteering. Bruce Tebo suggested reaching out to church groups, ball players, and schools. Tebo also added that this Board needs to make sure the Board's funds are used up before the end of each fiscal year. He also has a list of types of trees that will be replaced in the cemetery if anyone is interested in wanting a copy.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Nothing this evening.

### **MEMBER ITEMS**

Sean Sage stated on June 4<sup>th</sup> the Beautification Committee will be spreading mulch around town and he will be helping with that and wanted to know if the Museum wanted the flowerbeds mulched. Connie Foley said on May 28<sup>th</sup>, Linda Blanco will be planting flowers and she already has the mulch. Doug Tebo said he would like to have some mulch for the cemetery.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Linda Davis**

Recording Secretary