

## **Churchill County Museum Board of Trustees**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

November 18, 2024

**Trustees Present:** Ron Fritcher (Business), Kelly Frost (City), Bob Getto, Karen Goings, Lynne Hartung (President), Sandy Hillery (Vice President), Ileigh Simons, Jeff Scholz, Lynn Strasdin (Secretary)

**Trustees Absent:** Loretta Burden, Justin Heath (County), Jeff Scholz

**Director Present:** Mel Glover

President Lynne Hartung called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

#### **Minutes:**

- **Action Item:** Bob Getto made a motion to accept the October 14, 2024 minutes. Ileigh Simons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Financial Report:**

- The October 31, 2024 Financial Report was presented by Lynne Hartung and placed on file.
- Graphs were shown and discussed on Membership Dues, Membership Dues payment by month, and Total Dues by Fiscal Year.
  - This year membership dues are down. We need to send out notices which include: renewal reminders, applications, thank yous, and upcoming changes to the renewal process.
  - Membership categories did change in 2023.
  - Board members need to explain and encourage membership at various events.
  - Members attending the annual meeting could receive a free copy of "In Focus" for a thank you and recognition. This could encourage others to join and provide an opportunity to explain/discuss membership.
  - A committee was formed to plan for the change in the membership renewal process. They will discuss prorating and calculate it for each member. The committee consists of Bob Getto, Lynne Hartung, Sandy Hillery and Mel Glover. They will meet after Thanksgiving.

#### **Director Report:**

- Mel Glover presented the directors report.
- There is a new exhibit, Green Energy in Churchill County. It is interactive.
- Visitors totaled 770 this month.
  - Three school groups came in.
  - Fifty people visited as part of the Hidden Caves tour.
  - The Knitters Group is also coming in to work in the museum.
- Donna Cossette is returning on December 2, 2024.
- The Accessions Committee will meet when Donna returns.
  - Ron Fritcher has been appointed to replace Karen Goings on the Accessions Committee.

- Tintabulations will be performing on December 14, 2024 from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm. Board members are encouraged to come. It will be advertised through social media, email and the city will be contacted (Nicole Dooley) to put it on the reader board.
- CCM 2.0 was discussed.
  - Currently we have a total of 26,500 square feet of building space. The new idea is to knock down all existing buildings and build a new two story building.
  - Mel has talked to various individuals about the planning. One individual projected a cost of \$40 million. Other museum entities have had “friends” donations, city, county and various grants to support the costs. Nevada Humanities has grants for a conceptual planning design. Mel and Lynne met with Patty Cafferata who donates personal money to rural museums.
  - The storage materials we have purchased could be used in the new building.
  - A possible option for the temporary storage of materials is the “Old Walmart” next to Big 5 (during the building process).
- A sign is needed in the parking lot stating no biking, skateboarding etc. on the grounds.
- The idea of pop-up exhibits in store fronts was brought forth.

#### Old Business:

- *Action Item:* Sandy Hillery made a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$50,000 to repair the collection warehouse roof. Ileigh Simons seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  - We will get multiple estimates. The possible roofing companies are Clint Jensen, Silver State Roofing, and Dan Conner Construction.

#### New Business:

- *Action Item:* Kelly Frost made a motion to place the property in California up for sale. Bob Getto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  - The land was donated to the association.
  - Property taxes were \$328 for the past year.
  - We will list the property with an agent in the area.
- Lifetime Memberships will be discussed with the Membership Committee.
- We need to look at promoting and honoring large donors.
- Plans are being made by several entities for the 250th anniversary of our country. We should consider plans for the museum for this celebration as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Strasdin, Secretary