

1 Minutes of the Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at
2 the Whitaker Museum, 168 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah, 84014.

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4 **PRESENT**

5 Diane Chamberlain

6 Mel Miles

7 Spencer Packer, Chair

8 Nancy Smith

9 Paul Thomas Smith

10 Laura Toney, was excused at 7:05 p.m.

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12 **STAFF PRESENT**

13 Stephanie Ivie, City Council Liaison

14 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director

15 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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17 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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19 Minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mel Miles made a
20 **motion** to approve the minutes as amended. Laura Toney seconded the motion, which was passed
21 by unanimous vote (6-0).

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23 **2017 GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

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25 Nancy Smith requested this item to be on the agenda. Chair Packer asked that she share
26 what she had in mind. The following were mentioned as a beginning list of what needed to be
27 prioritized and direction given.

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 - Policy and procedures for the Whitaker Museum Board.
 - 30 • Remove flag pole.
 - 31 • Museum brochure.
 - 32 • Approval on work to be done at the Museum.
 - 33 • Appraisals of artifacts and photos to be compiled.
 - 34 • Story Telling emails to be controlled by the Board and not Jacob Smith.
 - 35 • Facebook page for the Museum.
 - 36 • Advertising to reach broader spectrum of people.
 - 37 • Yard signs to advertise Story Telling events.
 - 38 • Stove.
 - 39 • Booklet describing procedures to be done monthly for events at the Museum for
 - 40 better efficiency.
 - 41 • Docent training video.
 - 42 • Editing of Story Night DVD's.

1 These items will be discussed at the next Whitaker Museum Board meeting. Nancy Smith
2 will send each Board member and the Director a list of items. They are to add any additional items
3 they seem appropriate and return the list to Nancy. She will compile a final list that will then be
4 mailed out for them to rank in order of importance, and return once again to compile for the next
5 meeting.

6 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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8 Lisa Sommer, Museum Director, reported it is time to visit the elementary schools to
9 educate them on the opportunities the Museum has to offer, and invite the teachers to calendar a
10 class fieldtrip at the Museum. Laura Toney volunteered to oversee visits to Centerville elementary
11 schools concerning Museum tours for students. Lisa also reported there have been no DUP or
12 SUP group tours at the Museum this past year. This is due in part to new Camp Leaders and lack
13 of Museum knowledge, as well as time to schedule outside of Tuesdays. Letters will be sent to
14 each of the DUP and SUP camps with a calendar of events, and an invitation to tour the Museum.
15 A monthly newsletter will be emailed to Board members and volunteers with a calendar of events
16 to show the volunteer schedule.

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18 Lisa displayed a proposed yard sign that would advertise the Story Telling events.
19 Alphagraphics quoted around \$8.70 for a typical yard sign, one sided. Lisa displayed a chart for
20 the past three years that shows the number of volunteer hours, and the number of guests that have
21 attended tours and events at the Museum. There has been a steady increase each year. It was also
22 discussed and agreed upon by the Board, that there will be fewer columns in the Mayor's Quarterly
23 Report. Total visitors to the Museum, total volunteer hours and total event guests per quarter.

24 **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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27 Chair Packer reported he met with Don Hartley, Utah State Office of Historic Preservation,
28 who toured the Museum. Mr. Hartley viewed the archive room, and said the CLG grant portion
29 that was intended for the upstairs sink can be used to further fund the downstairs office/Carriage
30 House if the Board chooses to not use it for the sink during this cycle. Chair Packer explained that
31 floor coverings and lighting for the downstairs remodel are not held to the same standards because
32 it is an office.

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34 Chair Packer distributed bids from FoxWood Construction and ALCO Construction
35 Companies on the demolition, clean-up, and completion of the downstairs office/Carriage House
36 for the CLG grants. FoxWood is asking \$18,961, and ALCO is asking \$15,595. Chair Packer and
37 Nancy Smith will review the line items of each bid, to determine how many of the items can be
38 completed given current funding.

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40 Chair Packer made a **motion** to award FoxWood Construction the bid for the archive room,
41 and to re-allocate CLG money for the upstairs sink to go towards the downstairs remodel, which
42 is consistent with Don Hartley's explanation of the CLG money, noting that FoxWood
43 Construction included the upstairs items in their bid. With these items added in, total bids are very
44 comparable in pricing. Mel Miles seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (6-
45 0).

1 Chair Packer reported he met with Kevin Campbell, City Engineer, and Steve Thacker,
2 City Manager, regarding the construction and lighting of the Museum parking lot, where patrons
3 currently park. He also met with Wally Cooper on the paving of the Museum parking lot, but the
4 City Council will need to approve the plans before the lights and pavement can begin.
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6 Mel Miles reported he met with Steve Thacker, City Manager, Lisa Sommer, Museum
7 Director, and Nancy Smith regarding adjustments to be made to the budget and how it should be
8 reported. Nancy's recommendations in an email to Steve Thacker on the Museum budget were
9 accepted. This will, hopefully, give better understanding on how reserve accounts are handled.
10 The City has committed to quarterly budget meetings with Mr. Thacker for the Museum.

11 Laura Toney reported she is involved with the 4th of July activities this year. She suggested
12 some of the elderly citizens in the community be asked to tell stories of Centerville in the meeting
13 room at the Museum, or show the short Centerville City DVD. This will allow more people to
14 come to the Museum on July 4th, instead of allowing tours that would risk damage to the artifacts.
15 Lisa Sommer shared her concerns on having storytellers in the Museum that day, because many
16 of the Board will not be available to oversee the care of the building. Instead it was suggested that
17 the gathering room be available to show the Centerville, Centennial DVD, and close off the rest of
18 the Museum, inviting guests to return on a Tuesday for a formal tour. The Museum will be open
19 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 4th. Laura also reported several citizens have told her the
20 parade is becoming more commercialized each year. The Davis High School Band told Laura they
21 will no longer be marching in the Centerville parade. She invited the Whitaker Museum to sponsor
22 a parade entry, and asked Board members for ideas. Laura Toney suggested riding in antique cars
23 to which Chair Packer said he would ask his friends with antique cars if any of them might be
24 interested in participating.
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26 Paul Thomas Smith reported it cost \$4,200 to publish the book he wrote on Thomas
27 Whitaker. He has now satisfied the publishing costs, and all proceeds from the book will now be
28 given to the Museum. There are eight books available for sale. The Board thanked Mr. Smith for
29 his work on the book. Mr. Smith distributed an outline of biographies of early Centerville pioneers
30 and their contributions to be used in the documentary he is currently producing for the City.
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32 Nancy Smith reported the LDS Church has launched a new program in Utah entitled "Just
33 Serve." This program is for anyone that is non-profit based, regardless of religion, to sign up for
34 needs and for individuals to volunteer service. The intent is community based. An example was
35 shown online of the Bountiful Food Bank, schools, etc. Nancy suggested the Whitaker Museum
36 could also be added to the list of places where citizens can serve, and asked for permission to move
37 forward in submitting several areas of volunteering needs. The Board was grateful for the
38 opportunity to list items on the site.
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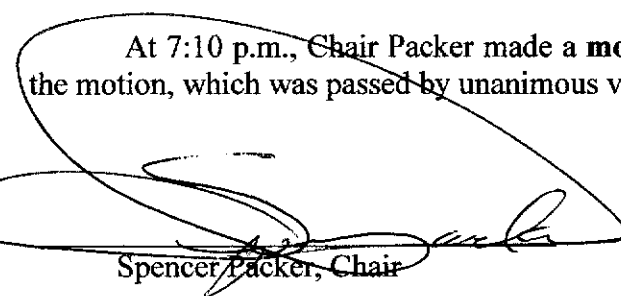
40 At 7:05 p.m., Laura Toney was excused from the meeting.

1 **NEXT MEETING**

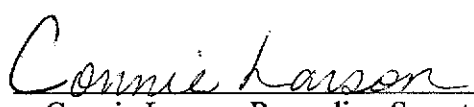
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3 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at
4 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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6 **ADJOURN**

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8 At 7:10 p.m., Chair Packer made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Mel Miles seconded
9 the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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14 Spencer Packer, Chair

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18 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

