

Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Brown
Alyson Childs
Nancy Smith
Spencer Packer
Jana Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robin Jensen
Jim Morgan, Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison
Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, via Zoom
Haley Turner, Staff
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Minutes of the May 28, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Bob Brown made a **motion** to approve the minutes as amended. Jana Taylor seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

BOARD MEMBERS SIGN LETTER OF THANKS

Whitaker Museum Board members signed thank you letters for the volunteers who helped with the Victorian Tea on June 8th.

REPORT ON JUNE EVENTS

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the Victorian Tea went very well. There were 125 people in attendance, and there were many volunteers who helped. Lisa received several text messages from guests who were impressed with the service. Debbie Randall is president of a local quilting guild and she donated a quilt for the drawing. Lisa suggested that next year, the guest list should be limited to 100 people.

The watercolor class was held June 11th. Libby Gibbs was the teacher, and there were 18 people in attendance. This class will be held again in the fall. The Open Mic activity had 54 people in attendance with a jazz band and ukulele groups that performed. Mike Smith and Lisa Bednar helped with the activity.

GARDEN UPDATE

Lisa Linn Sommer reported all the garden plots are full, except for one plot. Someone reserved the plot, but nothing has been planted. Spencer Packer asked about water consumption in the garden, and Lisa said everyone is watering when they should. There was a pipe break, but it was fixed quickly.

SERVICE PROJECTS FOR THE MUSEUM – JUNE

Lisa Linn Sommer reported Andrea Richmond's LDS Young Women and Young Men groups volunteered at the Museum two times. There were 14 people, and they worked for 14 hours. LDS Missionaries from the Layton Mission came multiple times. They helped with the Victorian Tea Party, the virtual tour, and completion of the summer kitchen cleaning. They worked 12 hours.

REPORT ON RAP PROJECTS

Lisa Linn Sommer reported the RAP projects are ongoing. The projects are the virtual tour filming, construction of the outhouse, and pavers placed around the Museum. The fence was extended by two panels, which will allow the bees to have a better flight pattern and keep the bees safer from the wind. Nancy Smith reported that Eldon Greenhalgh is a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He lives in Lindon, and he volunteered to construct the outhouse. Mr. Greenhalgh taught woodworking at a high school for 30 years. He broke several ribs while constructing the outhouse, but insisted on finishing the project. He was able to get leftover cedar shingles from a job in Park City. There is concern the outhouse will be able to withstand the high winds in Centerville. Mr. Greenhalgh said he and his family would like to return to the Museum for a tour.

Elizabeth Whitaker started a literacy group that is still running today. This group donates \$50 whenever a member of their group passes away. Lisa Linn Sommer suggested using the donation towards the installation of the clothesline.

VR Wizards did the filming for the virtual tour on June 19th. There will be pop-ups of 12 sites inside and outside of the Museum. The virtual tour will be ready in one month. There will be an annual fee of \$100 to \$160 to keep the virtual tour maintained. The \$3,006 grant that was received for this project will pay for the annual fee. Grant Nielsen will be the voice for the tour.

REPORT ON GEOCACHE

Lisa Linn Sommer reported there is at least one visitor a day for the geocaching at the Museum. She suggested a new location in the yard for the box to be relocated this fall. Geocaching is where items are hidden in a box, and it is hidden by the smoke stack in the summer kitchen. Coordinates are used to find the hidden box, and there are items relating to the Museum in the box. Currently, there are wooden nickels of when Centerville celebrated its centennial year of becoming a city in the box.

JULY EVENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

July 6 – Pop-Up Museum at the Ball Park 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sit at the table and sell books, pass out wooden nickels, and advocate the Museum. Judy Gunn will be spinning wool, and the mountain man will be coming. Stories of soldiers from Centerville who were in World War II will be available.

July 11 – Flash Back Heritage, “Living Military Timeline” – 6:00 p.m. to dark – assignments to be announced and confirmed during the Whitaker Museum Board. The mountain man will be coming with the Mormon Battalion Reenactment Group from the Revolutionary War to World War I. There will be a cannon, and one cannon will be shot. The mountain man will talk about how mountain men helped the soldiers during the war. Spencer Packer will bring his mules and horses to demonstrate horse shoeing. Peter Sommer will make horse shoe rings, and Bavelas’s will bring a lamb and a goat. Judy Gunn will spin wool and Alyson Childs will oversee refreshments. Any Board members who are available on July 6th and July 11th are asked to help with these activities. Lisa Sommer discussed the possibility of having women dressed in World War I period nursing outfits and put bandages on children.

There are currently five children signed up for the Pee Wee Camp.

BOARD REPORTS

Nancy Smith suggested in the future on thank you letters, that a link to the virtual tour of the Museum or QR code be printed on the letter.

Spencer Packer said he is working on two estimates on RAP projects.

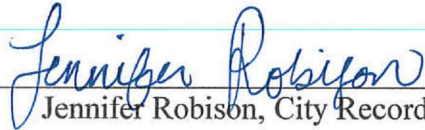
Jannah Taylor said she is planning to do Hannah’s Trunk in the fall. She would like the dates of this activity to be in the city newsletter and on the city website.

NEXT MEETING

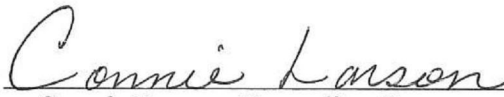
The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 6:10 p.m., Nancy Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Jana Taylor seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

10-24-2024
Date Approved


Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

