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Minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2010
Historic Cass County Courthouse
Harrisonville, MO

The meeting was called to order by Deanell Tacha, Chair. Present were Tacha, Benton, Clark, Cohen, Craig, English, Jones, Northern, Ramsey, Tempel, Wood and Judy Billings and Julie McPike. Absent were Arter, Balderson, Breidenthal, Dillingham, Dunfield, Ford, Gibson, Kemper, Maag, McCoy, Stroup and Wagnon. Carol Bohl was also present.

Tacha called the meeting to order and Wood welcomed the Board to Harrisonville. Carol Bohl, Director of the Cass County Historical Society gave a brief history of Harrisonville and a tour of the historic courtroom.

Wood moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Ramsey and approved.

Jones, Treasurer, discussed the financial report noting that expenditures in January for workshops are reimbursable by NPS. Tacha acknowledged a gift from the Barton P. and Mary D. Cohen Charitable Trust for designated projects.

Tacha reviewed the committee list. Cohen asked that another board member be asked to chair the fundraising committee. Wood recommended Stroup indicating that he thought she had expressed interest at the last meeting.

Clark, Chair of the Administrative and Planning committee, reviewed the changes suggested to the values statement. Clark moved to approve the statement. The motion was seconded by Jones. Craig pointed out a typographical error in the second paragraph to be changed. The motion was approved.

Billings reported on the Nominating Committee. There is one vacancy on the Board and two nominations. The committee will discuss how to proceed. Tacha reported that John Carlin, former Governor of Kansas, had been approached but due to other commitments respectfully declined at this time. Clark requested that potential members' names be suggested to the committee at any time. Craig asked about geographical representation. Tacha reviewed the requirements of the enabling legislation.

In old business, Billings reported that the trademark of the logo and intellectual property application is still in process. The management plan has been approved by the NPS Midwest office and sent to the National Office of National Heritage Areas for approval to be followed by the Secretary of Interior's office for signature.

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Tacha introduced the agreement with DMI for management services. Jones reviewed the RFP process for management and the selection of DMI as the managing entity. Billings noted that the agreement between DMI and FFNHA reflects the cooperative agreement between FFNHA and NPS. Tempel moved to approve the agreement. Northern seconded the motion. Craig asked for clarification of Section 3. Billings explained that she will not be an employee of FFNHA but an independent contractor, while McPike is an employee of FFNHA. Ramsey asked the term "Board of Directors" in section 6. Tacha explained that changing it to trustees would necessitate a change in the TKHA paperwork and noted that changing to "Board of Trustees" is unnecessary. The motion was approved.

Billings reported about her trip to Washington, D.C. and the Alliance of National Heritage Area meeting. Billings reported about her meetings with the FFNHA congressional delegates and the ANHA platform. She also reported on future funding possibilities. Wood suggested that partner locations and events keep records of attendees, etc. to report in future annual reports. Tacha suggested highlighting cross-border programs.

Craig reported on the February Advisory Committee meeting. Ramsey reported on the February Interpretation Workshop for partners. McPike reported about the status for recent RFPs and FFNHA's involvement in The Kansas City Public Library's digitization initiative, *The Missouri-Kansas Border: Where the Civil War Really Began*.

The date for the next formal board meeting is March 23 at 3:00pm, in Manhattan, KS. The May 11 meeting will be held at Lexington, MO.

Meeting was adjourned.

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