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Minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 2010
The Golden Ox
Kansas City, MO

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

Dillingham moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Dunfield and approved.

Craig, McPike and Ramsey reported on the June Partnership Meeting.

Stroup and Wood reported on the Development Committee. Stroup distributed the board donation form and explained that the goal was to have 100% of the Board contribute and introduced Lyndsay Bruns, the Development Committee Intern. Wood reported that the deed of gift policy was being reviewed by the Policy Committee. He also reported on the earmark policy and discussed fundraising goals. The Board discussed transportation enhancement funds as a potential source of funding for signage. Craig is investigating this funding source. The Board also discussed grantwriters.

Billings discussed the financial report. She noted two revenues that will be included in next month's financial report: $10,000 was received from MARC for a signage plan and $5,000 was received from the Southeast Kansas Prosperity Foundation for the website.

Billings reported that we are close to signing an agreement with Imagemakers, Inc. of Wamego, Kansas, for website redevelopment project.

Dillingham reported on meetings between himself and Billings with representatives from Senator Bond and Senator McCaskill's in-state staff and the upcoming meeting with Brian Burnes, a *Kansas City Star* staff writer who has shown a great deal of interest in FFNHA.

Tacha reported on the progress of a City of Lawrence project to renovate the former Carnegie Library building to provide a space for a Lawrence-focused Freedom's Frontier exhibit and an office headquarters for FFNHA.

Billings reported about the upcoming International Heritage Development Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, which she and McPike will attend. She noted the likelihood of the federal government moving into FY11 with a Continuing Resolution which would mean the funding for National Heritage Areas remains the same as in 2010.

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Ramsey noted the difficulty of communicating the potential for economic development through Freedom's Frontier at presentations to city councils, county commissions, etc. McPike will work on a fact sheet that helps to address this gap.

The next formal board meeting will be held August 17.

Meeting was adjourned.

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