



**Sheridan Historical Society
Trustee Meeting
Tuesday at 6:00 PM
January 28, 2020**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Hall in the Studio Conference Room in the Sheridan Public Library at 3425 W. Oxford Avenue at 5:56 pm.

Board members present: Jeannie Berens, Ernie Camacho, Don Ezell, Dallas Hall, and Roger Rowland. One guest was present: Amanda Reynolds from the Sheridan High School alumni band group.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Jeannie to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer's report for the year just ended was presented by Roger. The total balances in all accounts \$7,830.97. The difference between the Treasurer's Report and the Year End Balance sheet is the check for \$100.00 to South Suburban for the Shelter Rental. See Exhibit A. A motion was made by Ernie and seconded by Don to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Roger is requesting reimbursement of \$188.70 for the renewal of the website hosting and domain name renewal for a two year period. Roger presented his receipts. A motion was by Jeannie and seconded by Ernie to reimburse Roger. The motion was approved.

A letter was received from Miniello Consulting about their request for proposed HUD funding for the rehabilitation of Pancratia Hall on the Loretto Heights campus. The letter identified potential areas of impact with the Pancratia Hall project. It was a consensus there was no objection to the proposal. See Exhibit B. Roger will prepare our letter of response on behalf of the board.

Fort Logan Elementary Historical Marker

Roger was contacted by Jason DeHaan with the South Suburban Park and Recreation District about historical signage and Sheridan Square Park in November, 2019. Mr. DeHaan asked for old and recent photos of the school. He indicated there were left over funds sufficient to erect an historical sign in the park. The pictures requested were sent to him. He subsequently requested a historical narrative for the school to be placed on the sign. He was also advised and provided links to the pages on our website of markers that we had already placed in the city. He subsequently asked for an electronic file of our logo for placement on the sign. The following sign narrative was provided to Mr. DeHaan.

“Sheridan Square Park History

This park is part of the Habitat for Humanity Project, their largest housing project ever in Colorado at the time. **The park was a joint project of Habitat for Humanity, City of Sheridan, and the South Suburban Park and Recreation District.** The park is located on land that was owned by the Sheridan School District and was the site of Fort Logan Elementary School.

The original school building was built about 1906. It was replaced by the two story Fort Logan District 13 building in July, 1923. The school had been expanded several times. The school was closed in 2014. The ground breaking for the 63 unit, 4.35 acre Habitat project was in July, 2016. The land was part of the original Isaac McBroom homestead patent that was granted on July 20, 1872.

The park was a requirement of the school district when the land was sold to Habitat for Humanity. The park land was subsequently deeded to the City of Sheridan. Funding for the construction of the park was obtained from a \$322,500 Open Space Funds Grant from Arapahoe County (sales taxes) with matching contributions from the City of Sheridan and South Suburban of \$53,750 each. The park dedication was held on June 18, 2019. **The housing project was completed later that year.**

History provided by the Sheridan Historical Society.”

Mr. DeHaan was advised the highlighted sentences can be removed to reduce the lettering cost if needed.

Sheridan Celebrates – September 26, 2020

Previously we talked about not doing a booth application but we still wanted to participate in the parade.

Schools Committee

Alumni All Class Picnic

The shelter reservation for August 2, 2020 picnic was completed and submitted to South Suburban Park and Recreation District. A check for \$100.00 was sent for the park permit fee. The reservation was approved and a receipt was provided by the district for the reservation. See Exhibit C.

Web Site Update – New High School Principal

Mr. German Echevarria is the new principal at Sheridan High School. Eileen Doolan resumed her old position as assistant principal. A short biography of Mr. Echevarria has been placed on the society website. See Exhibit D.

High School Music and Theater – Progress Update

This is part 3 of the high school history series for “Music and Theater.” Roger has completed most of the research for the history project. This included reviewing scrapbooks of newspaper articles over several decades. All of the annuals on file at the high school were reviewed. Several re-photographed pictures were obtained including band championship pictures, pictures of band trophies, choir pictures, and drama and musical plays over the years.

Both Mary Lewis (vocal music teacher) and Leonard Kellogg (band director and teacher) provided significant information for the history. Roger will begin writing and composition of the history shortly. This project is taking longer than the previous two parts. It may be fall before the history is completed.

Alumni Band Sponsorship

Amanda Reynolds from the Sheridan High School, Class of 2005 came up with the idea of creating an alumni band. Amanda has been working with Roger. A description of the purpose of the band, sponsorship request, and a preliminary plan has been prepared and were presented to the board. See Exhibit E. Roger spoke with the school district superintendent, chief academic officer, and high school principal about the idea of an alumni band and all were enthusiastic.

The following is requested from the Sheridan Historical Society. 1. A formal sponsorship to lend creditability and support to the alumni band. 2. A banner for the Sheridan Celebrates parade and other performances. 3. Pages on the Sheridan Historical Society website.

A motion was made by Jeannie and seconded by Dallas to sponsor the Sheridan High School Alumni Band. The motion was approved.

Fund Raising

The following items were briefly discussed mugs, corporate sponsorships, obtaining a business list, preparing solicitation letters. Don also mentioned a couple of sponsorship ideas.

Review, Prioritize, and Update Projects List

A copy of the list is attached to each meeting agenda. There were no changes offered to the list at this time.

2020 Census

The 2020 census is underway. The official day of the census is April 1, 2020. Roger provided some hand outs to the board. The census is being conducted online for the first time and paper forms will be used only as a last result. Roger passed around some handouts that have been made available by the city. See Exhibit F, G, and H.

Storage of Scrapbooks

The society has received about eight boxes of scrapbooks from Aileen Marple and the city. Roger has been using these for his research and the scrapbooks are currently at his home in several different boxes. Upon completion of the latest history part 3 for the high school he will no longer need immediate access to the scrapbooks.

Arrangements need to be made for the long term storage of the scrapbooks. This includes obtaining uniform sized boxes or containers that are stackable for the scrapbooks. Once the scrapbooks are properly boxed with each box labeled they can go to the old fire house with our other items stored there.

Roger is requesting permission to purchase sufficient boxes or containers for the scrapbooks for storage purposes. A motion was made by Don and seconded by Jeannie to approve \$100.00 toward the purchase of stackable, plastic containers (commonly available from Lowes or Home Depot). The motion was approved.

There was no other business for the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Note: Tim Fritz, the Digital Media Librarian for the Arapahoe Library District made a short presentation before the meeting about their new equipment at the Sheridan library that converts various media formats (ie: tapes, pictures, etc.) to digital formats.

Submitted by Roger Rowland
Secretary/Treasurer

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