



**Sheridan Historical Society  
Trustee Meeting  
Tuesday at 5:30 PM  
January 26, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Hall in “I Dream” Room in the Sheridan Recreation Center at 3325 W. Oxford Avenue at 5:31 pm.

Board members present Jeannie Berens, Ernie Camacho, Don Ezell, Dallas Hall, and Roger Rowland. Guests present were Bev Sedgwick and Police Chief Jeffrey Martinez.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Ernie to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer’s report for the year just ended was provided by Roger. The total balances in all accounts \$8,177.33. Roger mentioned the \$193.21 cash was deposited into our Foothills account on January 8, 2021. There was another deposit made on January 22, 2021 of \$100.00 for a business sponsorship that is not included on the printed Treasurer’s Report. See Exhibit A. A motion was made by Jeannie and seconded by Don to accept the treasurer’s report. The motion was approved.

The membership list was presented. There are three new members Geraldine Holmes (family), Arthur Hull, and Ron Trujillo. These came from the November 1, 2020 mailing. 107 letters were mailed. We also have our first ever “Business Sustaining Member” Progressive Plastics LLC (John Sysak – owner). This came from December 15, 2020 business mailing of 97 letters. All board members are current on their dues. See Exhibit B.

Roger is requesting reimbursement of \$94.45 for postage of \$55.00 and plastic storage boxes of \$39.45. The board previously authorized Roger to spend up to \$100.00 for the storage boxes. A motion was made by Don and second by Ernie to reimburse Roger \$94.45. The motion was approved.

Dallas Hall introduced Police Chief Jeffrey Martinez to the board. The Chief spoke about his background and experience. He plans to introduce a yearbook and some history to the current members of the department. He wants to place some pictures of previous police chiefs in the office. Work is underway to bring a K-9 back into the department. The Chief also spoke his effort getting out to meet people and groups in the city.

The Chief was hired effective October 12, 2020. He is participating on the Sheridan Celebrates Committee. He has already appeared before the Sheridan School Board and was well received. He lives west of Loretto Heights and has a grandson that attends Sheridan High School. He also applied for the City of Thornton Police Chief position but felt Sheridan was a better fit.

Roger handed out the bio for the new chief. It has been placed on the society website and can be accessed through Historical Articles – Historical List of City Officials. See Exhibit C.

Correspondence was received from Cliff Payne about the Sheridan High School Alumni Band. Cliff is a member for the VFW Band of Colorado. His group has participated in Sheridan Celebrates activities and will again this year. His group is offering assistance to the Alumni Band. See Exhibit D.

Dallas also mentioned we received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service indicating we would be required to file our annual Return of Private Foundation (Form 990-PF) electronically.

#### Schools Committee

The next “All Class Picnic for 2021” is scheduled for August 1, 2021. We should be able to reserve the shelter this month.

It appears the number of Colorado Covid cases is receding. The Covid-19 status was recently reduced from Level Red to Level Orange for most of Colorado. That level allows for outdoor seated events of 75 people. The next level down (yellow) would allow 175 people. If the level were to go back to Red, we would not be able to hold the event.

Roger is requesting the board confirm the authorization for the picnic shelter application before he proceeds. A motion was made by Jennie and second by Ernie to authorize the picnic shelter application. The motion was approved.

The last part of the High School History is the Century 21 Program. Roger was just getting ready to work on it this past fall when the school district went into full remote learning. The district just went back to the hybrid mode this past week. Suffice it to say, the project is delayed.

A alumni annual golf tournament was suggested to increase participation in the annual event.

#### Projects List

The board briefly reviewed the updated Projects List (attached to the agenda). See Exhibit E. There were no changes made to the list as presented.

#### Strategic Plan (Society Goals and Objectives)

This was discussed briefly at the last meeting. We should look out five, ten, and fifteen years and set goals. Part of the goals should be to bring on new board members. Growing the organization and revenue base are also important issues to address.

Dallas mentioned Glenn Close of Elite Music. Glenn has established a museum in the city dedicated to music. It features 1,000 guitars including the last concert guitar for “Chet Atkins.” His facility contains a performance stage. Elite Music provides sound equipment each year for

Sheridan Celebrates. Members expressed interest in touring Glenn's facility. Dallas will reach out to Glenn about a potential tour for the board.

Sponsorships were discussed as part of the strategic plan. We recently completed a mailing to 97 businesses in city about providing a sponsorship to the society. Only one business responded, Progressive Plastics, LLC at 3237 W. Hampden Avenue. They have been listed as a sponsor on the society website home page. It was suggested we directly approach the following businesses in the city: Christopher Plumbing, Keeson (a previous donor to the society), Colorado Auto, C&M Iron, and Monaghans. All of these businesses have been in the city for decades.

It was also mentioned that the Bonsai Nursery property is for sale. We should find a contact for Bonsai and get their history.

We should also be looking for potential new board members. Especially for people that can bring a knowledge of community history and other skills which could help the society.

The was no other business for the board and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Submitted by Roger Rowland  
Secretary/Treasurer

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