



**Sheridan Historical Society
Trustee Meeting
Tuesday at 5:30 PM
September 28, 2021**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Hall in the “I Explore” Room in the Sheridan Recreation Center at 3325 W. Oxford Avenue at 5:38 pm.

Board members present Jeannie Berens, Ernie Camacho, Dallas Hall, and Roger Rowland. Absent Bev Sedgwick. There were no guests at the meeting.

A motion was made by Ernie and second by Jeannie to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Roger. The total balances in all accounts \$7,499.38. A breakout of the All Class picnic was provided and included a comparison to 2019. There was one-time new cost of \$139.06 for the banner that was posted on Oxford Avenue. This is a reusable banner. The food cost was up compared to 2019. Roger needs to be reimbursed \$97.11 for the picnic and Ernie needs to be reimbursed for the grill gas in the amount of \$53.86. The current membership list was also presented to the board. Iris Milne is a new member. See Exhibit A. A motion was made by Jannie and second by Ernie to accept the report. The motion was approved. A motion was made by Jeannie and seconded by Dallas to reimburse Roger \$97.11 and Ernie \$53.86. The motion was approved.

Correspondence

The letter that was sent to the Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration regarding the expansion of Ft. Logan National Cemetery was provided to the board. See Exhibit B.

Schools Committee

The final version of “The History of Sheridan High School 21st Century Program” was presented to the board. It is ready to be published on the society website. See Exhibit C.

The society received a significant donation of Sheridan High School annuals from Charlotte Axtell Blair from the Class of 1965. A total of 37 annuals were received. There were some duplicates. Many had been collected when the public library moved out of the high school. The library discarded the annuals. Gordon Stanfield recovered the annuals discarded by the library. Some of the other annuals came from the Stanfield family. Lorraine Spreadborough was instrumental in connecting Charlotte with the society.

Nine of the annuals were given to the high school in exchange for extra copies they had. That leaves the high school with only three missing years of 2008, 2016, and 2018. The society collection was increased by 13 annuals plus the 9 exchanged annuals.

Four more annuals were donated by the Maher family. Two were duplicates of what the society already had. Two more annuals were purchased off the Internet and three more were obtained from the high school for which they should be reimbursed.

Roger provided a spreadsheet showing all the inventory and transactions. See Exhibit **D**. The society had 22 previously in their collection and now we have 52 out of the total 67 years printed. The society is now only missing 15 annuals: 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1962, 1963, 1978, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2016, and 2018.

Roger is requesting reimbursement of \$66.04 for the two annuals purchased off the Internet for the years 1999 and 2000. They were purchased from AbeBooks.com.

A motion was made by Dallas and seconded by Jeannie to reimburse Roger \$66.04. The motion was approved.

Roger also requested the high school be reimbursed \$150.00 for the three annuals from 2015, 2017, and 2019. This matches the current pricing of \$50.00 per annual from the high school.

A motion was made by Jeannie and seconded by Ernie to reimburse Sheridan High School \$150.00. The motion was approved.

A "Quarterly Happy Hour" has been scheduled for Sheridan Alumni on Friday, October 22, 2021 at Sirens Bar and Grill in the Chatfield area. A Sheridan alumnus is part owner and has agreed to host this event. This was an event that had been hosted by the Sheridan High School Alumni Association before it was disbanded. Previous attendance at these events ranged from 50 to 125 people. This is an opportunity for the schools committee to engage with alumni, especially as we pursue the collection of missing high school commencement programs. See Exhibit **E**.

Items from the Tucker Family received from Tom Webb

The items from the Tucker Family have now been inventoried. These items were given to the society by Tom Webb. An inventory list was provided to the board. See Exhibit **F**.

Dallas mentioned Jim Svigel had articles about the Petersburg Hotel that he will let us copy.

Strategic Plan (Society Goals and Objectives)

Roger passed around the latest plan list. See Exhibit **G**. We should work on this some more next year. It was recommended the "Project List" should be included as a part of the plan.

Passing of Clark Bond

Clark Bond passed away on September 10, 2021. A biography was passed out to the board. It has been posted on the society website. See Exhibit **H**.

Sheridan Homesteaders and First Settlers

Roger has been researching original Sheridan homesteaders and original settlers. A list was passed out to the board. The list contains the name of the homesteader, the date of the original homestead or purchase, authority, aliquots (description of a portion of a land section), acres, and an indication if any portion falls outside the current city limits of Sheridan. All of the information was obtained online from the General Land Office Records from the US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. See Exhibit **I**.

Using a base city map that showed the section areas based on the “Public Land Survey System.” Roger was able to plot and identify all of the homesteaders and settlers on a city map. See Exhibit **J**. The idea for the mapping came from a presentation by Don Roth to the Englewood Historic Preservation Society. The map has been scanned and digitized for placement on the society website along with the listing.

November Meeting Cancelled

Our next regularly scheduled meeting would be in the same week as Thanksgiving. When that has happened in the past, we have cancelled that meeting and scheduled the next meeting in January. It is recommended we do the same this year. It was a consensus our next meeting be held in January.

There was no other business for the board and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Submitted by Roger Rowland
Secretary Treasurer

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