

Heritage Museum Minutes – March 12, 2025

Meeting called to order @ 5:34

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Vickie McCubbin, Joe Martinez, Billy Whisenant., Ken Feters, Marilyn Morton, Amy Christensen

Still in need of 2 members – one applicant – Jasper Smith, please reach out to anyone you may know who is interested in applying

Minutes from January and February meeting

Motion made by: Ken Feters to approve

Second made by: Billy W

Visitors – Public Comments - none

Staff Report –

Amy will be sending digitally. 358 visitors 121 volunteer hours

Two field trips – What Does the Fox Say – and Open house for the exhibit.

3 large senior groups came in, Marilyn hosted. Department presentations given in Feb. Patrick and Amy gave combined presentation for combining the library and museum.

New exhibits – independence historic newspapers – in partnership with Tom Henderson.

Traveling from ORHS Vanport – Society will sponsor a program with a speaker New paid intern, and 1023 entries in catalog – and a WOU intern.

APRIL OMA Conference – behind the scenes tour. Dates: mid April – Behind the scenes tour may need volunteers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Committee of Advisory Board-Museum, Library, and Parks

Motion made by Ken Feters and Second by Billy Whisenant that a committee of two be formed to support and advocate for the museum.

Motion approved by all. It would meet with a similar group from the Library Board and potentially from the Parks Board. The document from the Library Board chair explains the committee. Th

Town Hall, Work Session, and City Council Discussion

Patrick and Amy – Information packet –

2C1C will have Patrick and Amy's comments to City Staff in it.

Summary: Capitol funding is easier to get than staff, etc.

The library was built with the idea in mind of 2nd floor and building out @ North entry.

If combination of library and museum – total savings of Friends will be buying new collection. Amy will be cross trained, pop-up displays in smaller scale, civic center. Collection will be housed in the 3rd floor. Some families have reached out wanting to have their items back if the museum goes away.

Ken's concern – what happens for exhibit requests. That amount is still in the budget, it is "supplies, utilities – that would go away."

Maintain our mission – of the museum. In school libraries if possible.

New Business:

Upcoming Town Hall, March 19 – 4:00- 6:30 –

I support the Museum buttons – contact Jim – with Society.

Please attend if possible. – Interactive meeting – buckets in front of community services. Place token in front of

Will these surveys pit them against each other. Most members felt that Citizens already made the decision about the levy – don't keep asking.

Half sheet of paper – feedback information if there is a plan – Producing a result that you want. . .

Other business not on Agenda –

Amy requested that the Board place a temporary moratorium on accepting items for the collection.

Billy made a motion that the Curator/Director not accept any new items for the collection at this time.

Second by Ken – Unanimous approval

Adjourn: - @6:37