

Historical Society Quarterly Update

February 16, 2021

11:12 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Bill Teitzel, Jason Matson, Lara McRea

Guest: Edna Fund

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Bill Teitzel updated that museum director Jason Matson is working behind the scenes to get events going for the museum again. The annual meeting for the Historical Society is February 16, 2021.

Jason Matson said there weren't any events or fundraisers for 2020. He has tentative schedule lined up to begin mid-2021. He wants to schedule school tours or offer free admission to school age children in efforts to get people in the door. The PPP grant helped with finances for 2020, but they will need funding for 2021. There were approximately 500 people that visited the museum for 2020 and over 3,000 for 2019. Jason said the upcoming exhibits include a 100 year celebration for Women's Suffrage. There is also a canoe on loan to offer for exhibit. Jason said there is an advertising display he'd like to put up.

Bill said that during the down time at the museum, staff has been addressing items that the museum has duplicates of. There are over 35,000 photos in the research library. He said they are in process of reviewing their deaccessioning policy. Bill said they are looking to create a different type of modern reader board in the parking lot to focus advertising for the museum. They have been considering something with multi-colored LED lights for the sign and brick columns.

Meeting ended: 11:25 a.m.