

Old Fort Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 5:15pm

City Hall

PRESENT: Dave Moehn, Sharon Harp, Dr. Marie Brady-Whitcanak, Dr. Eugene Watkins (Site Manager), John Luna (Management Analyst), Charles Block, Richar Abel

ABSENT: Joe Thurman, Carol Foss, David Varley (City Manager), and Linda Baxter (Gift Shop)

Guests: Andy Andrews (NLCHS)

Meeting called to order by Harp at 5:15pm.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting were approved as read.

Site Managers Report:

1. Improvement Update:

- a. Black Smith shop almost finished.
- b. No quote yet from Phil Hoenig for bellows.
- c. Laundry lean to done.
- d. East wall knocked down in storm & shingles off gift shop.
- e. Officers' quarters east upstairs almost done.
- f. West wall needs replaced in lower officers' quarters.
- g. Buildings need chinking.

2. Cannon Update:

- a. \$6,500 for new cannon.
- b. Barrel cast wheels are done.
- c. Chambering Barrel exact replica of 1790's.
- d. Still hope to have it by July 4th.

3. Items Still Needing Replaced:

- a. Knives that were stolen.
- b. Sword that was stolen.
- c. Stainless steel canteens.
- d. Handles.
- e. Clothes-Coat not ordered yet
- f. Muskets-Dixie Gun Works
- g. Cartridge box.

4. Misc:

- a. a. Fort Madison memorabilia in gift shop.

- b. Expand during rodeo.
- c. Spoon River Dr.
- d. Open weekends later/smart phone with signs.
- e. Soldier/ghost stories for Halloween.

GIFT SHOP:

No report

Income/Expense Report:

1. John Luna gave detailed revenue and expense sheets to all present.
2. Each item was totaled and he will present a total breakdown each month.

The Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Have Anthony Franklin come back with new art.

Friends of Old Fort Madison:

1. Surveying done.
2. Plan to have dirt hauled and seeded this summer.
3. Going to add a hydrant.
4. Storm knocked down a tree.
5. Before Memorial Day there will be 22 wooden crosses on battlefield.
6. Would like to relocate chimney-city is responsible for it.
7. Chimney is cracked and needs repaired-repair after moving.
8. Historical Society may want to take care of it.
9. If chimney is moved excavation may have to be done-NOT approved yet.
10. Train show will be April 22nd, 23rd & 24th.
11. We have had 101 visitors to museum- up from last year.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 5:15pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Harp moved, Block Seconded, to Adjourn the Meeting. Motion Carried.

Submitted,

Richar' Abel

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