

Old Fort Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 5:15pm

Old Fort

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

ABSENT: Carol Foss, John Luna (Management Analyst)

Guests: Andy Andrews (NLCHS) Jan, Ted, Michelle

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

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were approved as read.

### **Site Managers Report:**

#### **1. Improvement Update:**

- a. Black Smith shop almost finished.
- b. Phil Hoenig is building bellows.
- c. Laundry lean to done.
- d. East wall has been fixed.
- e. Officers' quarters east upstairs almost done.
- f. West wall needs replaced.
- g. Outside upstairs needs chinking.
- h. Mantle in barrack room being built
- i. Considering building our own scaffolding.
- j. Ceiling insulated in barracks.
- k. Wigwam frames on the other side of the blacksmith shop.

#### **2. Cannon Update:**

- a. \$6,500 for new cannon.
- b. Barrel cast ready to chamber, wheels done, starting on carriage.
- c. Still hope to have it by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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. Items Replaced:**

- a. 2 New canteens.
- b. 2 Camp kettles in stainless steel.
- c. Tin fire case.
- d. 2 of the stolen knives.
- e. James White will cut and send period shovel 8" & 6".

**5. Misc:**

- 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.
- f. Fundraiser for fife and drum.
- g. Dave brought in some pieces found at the battle site.
- h. Are we planting a garden?

**6. Tours:**

- a. May 3 Henry Co Retired Teachers.
- b. May 19<sup>th</sup> Central Lee.
- c. May 23<sup>rd</sup> Lincoln.
- d. June 1<sup>st</sup> Book Club Wapello.
- e. Some tours switching to fall.
- f. School tours \$1.00 per student in Lee Co.

**7. Seige:**

- a. September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>
- b. Looking for donations from local businesses.
- c. 18 beds in quarters

**GIFT SHOP:**

No income

Meeting in gift shop on April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Income/Expense Report:**

- 1. John Luna was not available

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Is Anthony Franklin coming back?

**Friends of Old Fort Madison:**

1. Before Memorial Day there will be 22 wooden crosses on battlefield.
2. Memorial Day service at the battlefield will be held at 9am
3. 119 loads of gravel taken out.
4. 1 bench has been pd for by resident in honor of parents.
5. Shelley working on St. Charles Fife and Drum.
6. Train show – full registration gets into fort with a coupon.
7. 4<sup>th</sup> of July kiddie parade – 1 child admission when accompanied by adult.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:15pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Joe moved, Marie Seconded, to Adjourn the Meeting. Motion Carried.

Submitted,

Richar' Abel

Old Fort Commission