

**Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum Advisory Board**  
**June 17, 2021 (Starting at 3:30 pm)**  
**Location: Joplin Museum (504 Schifferdecker)**

The second meeting of the Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum Advisory Board was held at the Joplin Museum (504 Schifferdecker) on the 17th day of June 2021, at 3:30 pm pursuant to the posted notice. Note: Due to no business for the Advisory Board, the April meeting was cancelled.

**Meeting Called to Order:**

Chris Wiseman as Museum Curator of the Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum opened the meeting.

**Advisory Board Members Attendance:**

**Advisory Board members present at the meeting were:**

Chris Wiseman, Paul Bloomberg, Bob Harrington, Nancy Messick, Kyle Denham, Paula Callahan, Diane Reid Adams, Brad Belk

**Advisory Board members absent at the meeting were:**

Allen Shirley, Chad Stebbins and Patrick Tuttle

**Minutes:** Nancy, Secretary to the Advisory Board read the minutes and provided copies to all members. Kyle Denham made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections indicated and Paula Callahan seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Chris indicated there are no financials at this time. Work is still being done to connect financials with the City's Financial Software.

**Old Business:**

The Advisory Board was to search for two new members and those members have been selected and their names are: Paula Callihan and Chad Stebbins.

Red Rhino Fireworks trade show, raised \$1,162.50 in revenue for the Museum. Attendance for the show was 492 adults and 95 children for a total of 587. The feedback was excellent and they want to return to the Museum for hosting this event. The individuals attending the event also stayed in Joplin bringing revenue to the hotel/motel business.

The Annual Spring Model Train Show raised \$974.00. Attendance was 324 adults and 127 children for a total of 451.

The Annual Spring Gem and Mineral Show was cancelled this year due to concerns over COVID. They hope to return in the Fall of 2021. The current date for the Fall Gem Show is September 24-26. Chris did talk with the individuals hosting this show about the new partnership with the City of Joplin. They will need to pay a \$1,500 fee and be partners with Parks and Rec (City of Joplin).

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### **New Business:**

- (1) Chris reported our visitation at the Museum: March (325), April (780), May (1,050), June 1-17 (585) making a total of 2,740 visitors. In a normal year, we have around 1,000 per month. We are getting very good feedback from the visitors. Chris mentioned to Paul about increasing our admission fee. Chris has heard this comment repeatedly: "I looked at the cost only being \$3.00 and thought the Museum was nothing we really need to take time to see at such a cheap cost".
- (2) The Joplin Celebration Commission "Paint Your Own Iris Cookie" was the first event for celebrating the city's sesquicentennial. It brought in no income for the Museum but was a partnered event with the City of Joplin and the Celebration Commission. The event was organized by Barb Hoagland and 50 people attended.
- (3) The Museum celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with cake and punch for the visiting public. Admission was waived during the 1-3 pm event and 56 people attended the celebration. Stacey and Jacey prepared the event and members on the Advisory Board indicated how nice everything was done.
- (4) The National Photo Rescue hosted a picture return event on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2011 tornado. The Museum assembled a small exhibit about the tornado that was unveiled to the public on the same date.
- (5) The May school tours lacked luster. R-8 did not authorize extracurricular tours until right before the May tour season. Only eight individual classes chose to utilize the Museum. We usually have 50 classes coming through the Museum.
- (6) The Museum hosted a local Cub Scout troop, after hours, for a workshop to earn their geology Merit Badge. The Tri-State Gem and Mineral Society are resuming its club meetings at the Museum after a hiatus due to COVID.
- (7) The Museum hosted a "Celebration of Life" event for a family who had lost a loved one. It was originally scheduled to take place before COVID hit. The event was eventually rescheduled to June 2021.
- (8) Chris was very happy to report that Phase #1 of the roof replacement (roofing on central hallway and lobby) has been completed for just under \$30,000. This has helped so much!
- (9) The Health Department has used the Museum for a COVID vaccination clinic.
- (10) With summer beginning, the Museum is seeing an increase of summer school tours. Three classes (Galena with 100 students), (North Middle School with 160), and (Cecil Floyd with 260).
- (11) Chris reported on Grant Reports. The Museum has applied to several organizations. One was to the Lemmon Trust in the amount of \$13,000 and the other was to the Corley Memorial Trust in the amount of \$12,000. Both requests were for general operating funds. On June 15, the Museum received \$13,000 from the US Bank – Lemmon Trust and on June 17, the Museum received a check for \$3,000 from the SMB-Corley Trust. A third grant to the National Science Foundation, in partnership with KU for the amount of \$10,000 was rejected. Chris has worked with KU to modify the grant and will resubmit it under a different category for the National Science Foundation.
- (12) Upcoming Events: Health Department will be hosting a second COVID vaccination clinic. Joplin Parks and Recreation Lego Camps (one in June and one in July). Joplin Historical Society will be hosting a Trivia Night fundraising event on June 26.

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- (13) Brad asked Paula Callahan if she needed assistance from the Advisory Board with working Trivia Night. Paula indicated any assistance would be appreciated. It is \$120.00 a table for drinks, dinner meal (catered from Chicken Mary's) and trivia. There will be silent auction items. Fliers are available to post plus the event will be shared on Facebook. This event is totally being covered by the Historical Society. (\$2,000.00 dollars profit)
- (14) Paul reported this was Chris Wiseman's first time to go through the budget process with Parks and Rec. Paul indicated under capital we put in money (\$150,000) for a Strategic Plan to be done on the Museum. This will be presented to Nick, City Manager. This Strategic Plan is very important for the Museum's direction to be going in the right direction. Chris also requested within the budget for inventory software (\$3,000 to \$5,000). We have to get a proper inventory done on the Museum and thus would have our total collection stored digitally. Brad explained after all this is done we can work on accreditation. Our Museum is one of six oldest museums in the State of Missouri. Paul stated that under the maintenance part of the budget for the Museum: \$47,000 for Phase Two of the roof (this covers Hoover) and then Phase Three of the roof (Mineral Side).
- (15) Paul and Chris are very proud of the display cases given to us from the Powers Museum. The replacement value on these cases would have been \$60,000. Also, the Powers Museum is giving us a rolling shelf system to be put in Chris's old office for use with Archives. Brad did ask for assistance from Parks and Rec for transport and putting the shelving together. Bob Harrington and Kyle Denham felt the load on the flooring needs to be checked carefully. The cost of this shelving system is approximately (\$69,000). Our Museum is also taking several textiles. The Powers Museum is having to auction off their other displays. The money raised will be put into a scholarship for a Carthage student. Brad thought we should definitely send a card thanking the Powers Museum for these wonderful gifts! Nancy will purchase a card and make sure it is sent to the proper individual. In September 2021, will be the transfer of final pieces from the Powers Museum.
- (16) Bonnie and Clyde Exhibit is still being worked on at the Museum.
- (17) Bob Harrington shared with the Advisory Board that the First Event was held at the Raiders Farm on May 18. Over 100 school children attended.
- (18) Nancy thanked Brad and Chris for hosting Chapter FI of P.E.O. Brad did a fantastic job on talking with all the ladies about the Historical Homes and Chris was so kind to welcome the organization and tour through the Museum.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm

Motion made by Paula Callahan and seconded by Nancy Messick. Motion Passed

Minutes taken by Nancy Messick (Dated July 2021)