

Murray City History Advisory Board

Minutes for August 4, 2021

Attendance: Rebecca Santa Cruz, Mildred Horton, Lynette Lloyd, Janice Blanchard, Wendy Parsons Baker, Laurel Shepherd

Staff: Lori Edmunds, Katie Lindquist

I. Minutes for June 23, 2021 were passed as written.

II. Board Reports –

- Rebecca told the board about a story she had seen in the paper where there had been a “Covid quilt” made. She asked the board members if they thought this would be something we could create to add to our historic Covid collection. Rebecca said that we should have the families of loved ones lost prepare the squares. Janice suggested that we check the board at the senior recreation center. She said that 54 seniors had died. The board suggested that we start there and contact the families of those that died from Covid. Then we can place a post on Murray Memories to find other Murray residents that died from the disease. Laurel said she would be glad to finish the quilt. All board members agreed and voted unanimously to get the project done. Katie or Lori will visit the senior center to check the board and get the project started. Lori will write something to post on social media.

III. Staff Reports

- Museum update: Rowan and Katie have finished cataloging and “decluttering” each exhibit in the museum. Rowan made flip charts/cards on O-rings to provide additional information with some of the exhibits. They invited the board to visit the museum to check the refreshed exhibits and provide input. Katie and Rowan identified which exhibits would be best for rotating and set up a schedule. Rowan and Katie plan to have a booth at the Safety Fair that will be held on August 16th.
- StEPs integration: Module 6 – Interpretation. Katie told the board the projects that were completed to satisfy module 6. Projects included an assessment of the mansion to layout where the museum exhibits will be placed. Signage and label uniformity will be considered when moving the museum into the mansion, along with use of a second language for the tour script/signage.
- Mansion update: Lori told the board that the carpet in the mansion had been pulled up and discarded as the company that was chosen to refinish the floors have started. She also said that the RFP for the window restoration will be opened next Wednesday. Lori then told the board that she and Katie had prepared information for them concerning the layout of the museum in the mansion. The board members were excited to see the plans for the museum layout and offered their services to help in any way. Lori said that when the rehabbing was finished, she would call on the board to help. Laurie Densely said she could assist at the museum at City Hall in the meantime if Katie and Rowan needed help.
- 48th and State – Lori told the board that they would all be invited to a public meeting at the Senior Recreation Center on June 25th to give input on the Edlen Construction proposal for 48th and State development. Due to this meeting on the 25th, the board will postpone their next meeting until September 22nd.

IV. Business -

- Accessions –
 - Diane Rasmussen:
 - 9 Books that belonged to Theodore Erikson
 - Wood curtain stretchers found in the old Erikson home.
 - Board motioned and approved to accept all items into the museum collection.
 - Boots from the Rasmussen family
 - Katie is to track down paperwork and represent boots to board at next meeting.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting until Sept. 22, 2021