

**Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum Advisory Board
August 19, 2021 (Starting at 3:30 pm)
Location: Joplin Museum (504 Schifferdecker)**

The third meeting of the Joplin Historical and Mineral Museum Advisory Board was held at the Joplin Museum (504 Schifferdecker) on the 19th day of August 2021, at 3:30 pm pursuant to the posted notice.

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, Bob Harrington, Kyle Denham, Kerstin Landwer, Patrick Tuttle, Paul Bloomberg, Chad Stebbins and Brad Belk

Advisory Board members absent at the meeting were:

Nancy Messick, Paula Callahan and Diane Reid Adams

Minutes: Minutes for the June 17th meeting were not available. Nancy Messick had to be absent from the August 19th meeting. Jacey (intern with the Museum) provided notes to Nancy for working up minutes from the August 19th meeting.

Financials: The Museum is not set up with the City for Financials at this point. Chris did point out to the Board that \$17,000 in grants from the Lemmon Trust and Corley Trust will be accessible once in the City Financial account.

Most Current Information:

Sad news was expressed by Chris Wiseman to the Advisory Board concerning the passing of Allen Shirley on Friday, August 13, 2021. Allen passed away as the result of COVID-19. Paula, his wife had passed away on August 2, 2021 also of COVID-19. Phil Stinnet (City Council member and former mayor) stated in a "Joplin Globe" article: "Allen's love for history and his love for his community and especially his love for the museum were evident".

Discussion followed:

What to do to fill Allen's position on the Advisory Board? Paul indicated that Allen was filling a two year term on the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board discussed how to honor Allen as a legacy. Members brought up thoughts of perhaps naming the hallway gallery after him or have a portrait of Allen placed in the Museum.

Patrick Tuttle suggested waiting six months for a dedication concerning Allen Shirley. Patrick will check with Cleo about framing his baseball exhibit and space exhibit (finish and display in 2022) plus finalize commitments with Janet Kavandi and Eagle Picher.

Brad Belk wants to display Allen's newspaper collection.

Old Business:

The Rock and Gem Show is scheduled for the last full weekend in September. Barring any gathering mandates between now and then, the show should take place. Stacey will be promoting this through on-line postings.

Two Lego camps were hosted by Parks and Rec. at the Museum, with 15 kids in each. Each camp is a week-long event, and the parents and children are allowed to tour the Museum in addition to the Lego camp.

The Historical Society hosted a fundraising Trivia Night. Despite a rushed deadline and COVID-19, it was fairly well received. An additional Trivia Night is being planned for October.

The Museum hosted a city vaccination clinic in June. Turnout was modest, but with this clinic the Museum's staff have all been vaccinated.

In July, the Museum hosted a tour to the Community Mental Health with 27 visitors.

New Business:

In addition to the cases that we acquired before our last meeting in June, staff has moved and stored over 350 textile related items into the Museum's collections. Various museum-grade storage cabinets and clothing racks with a value of \$6,525.00 have been acquired.

Three additional display cases, with a value of \$10,527.00 have been placed on the Museum floor awaiting displays to be put inside.

The largest in value item given to us from the Powers Museum is a set of museum-grade rolling track shelves. The current value to purchase these shelves on today's market would be \$69,000.00. It is hoped this unit can be installed in Chris Wiseman's initial office which will greatly enhance the storage at the Museum. Chris explained he was in contact with the City Engineer and the track shelves will be stored at Memorial Hall until ready for moving to the Museum.

Chris indicated there are still various small cabinets and some furniture storage racks to be picked up from the Powers Museum after they have their auction. The furniture racks will go a long way in organizing the furniture in our collection storage area.

The Joplin Museum has approximately received \$200,000 in resources from the Powers Museum. A special thank you will be sent from the Advisory Board to the Director at the Powers Museum!

Stacey and Jacey have been organizing the textile room to make space for these new additions. They have also cleaned and organized the entire space. The room looks fabulous and the goal is that all of the collection areas in the Museum will eventually look just as nice! Chris expressed that Stacey is a “Spatial Genius”.

Chris Wiseman will be attending the AASLH (American Association of State and Local History) Annual Meeting at the end of September in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Visitation report information at the Museum:

Educational tours for June = 420

Total visitation for June = 897

Total visitation for July = 476

Month to date visitation for August = 142

Total Visitation since Last Meeting (June 17, 2021) = 1,515 (1,000 less than period pre-COVID)

Some final discussion items:

Daddy/Daughter Date Night upcoming (enforce CDC recommendations)

Trivia Night upcoming (enforce CDC recommendations)

Museum will be sorting some items for retirement.

Chris will be talking with Joplin Senior High School officials about accessing some items.

Museum will assist in City Surplus Auction to raise money for the City.

Chris reported there is a leak over the historical fire truck.

Patrick talked about items on sale in the Museum Lobby to have a retail presence on

www.visitjoplinmo.com

Patrick Tuttle also pointed out that the Historical Society will have access to CVB Grant.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Motion made by Brad Belk and seconded by Bob Harrington. Motion passed.

Notes taken by Jacey (intern at the Museum)

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Messick (Dated September 3, 2021)

Allen Shirley

“Heaven is being blessed with a dedicated historian!”

