

## NMS Board Minutes

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Prepared by Alyssa McCleery

In Attendance: Holly cline, Richard Hinthorn, Scott Kempenich, Sue Roy, Ali Carpenter, and Brain Hobbs – board members, Karen Dye, Kelle Cross and Kim Shanks – guests, and Alyssa McCleery – program director

1. **Approval of February Board Minutes** – Scott entered motion, Sue seconded, all ayes.
2. **Approval of February’s Treasurers Report** – Ali entered motion, Scott seconded, all ayes.
3. **Old business**
  - a. Ali declined the secretary position. Item tabled until April meeting.
  - b. Fundraising ideas/brainstorming was tabled until the April meeting.
4. **New Business**
  - a. Payroll direct deposit approval – Brian entered the motion to approve, Ali seconded, all ayes.
  - b. Board members were saddened to learn of the discontinuation of the ConocoPhillips Matching Grant for retirees however were please that ConocoPhillips would continue with volunteer grants.
  - c. Karen Dye presented on the history of the Newkirk Community Historical Society and Newkirk main Street. In 1989, the city wanted to condemn 5 buildings in the National Register of Historic Places district encompassing the “Newkirk Commercial District”. The NCHS obtained a grant from the National Trust to retain the services of a structural engineer and it was determined at that time that all 5 building were salvageable. A fundraising campaign, “Save Our Buildings” otherwise known as the ŞOBs was undertaken and 3 of the 5 buildings were rehabilitated. The remaining 2 are now the home of the “Hole in the Wall” Park. NMS was initially a committee of the NCHS based on a “handshake agreement” Per Karen, the agreement of NMS being housed in the building at 116 N Main St. is that the organization would pay the utilities. In 2009, NCHS decided that NMS should become a standalone organization in order to expand their grant application possibilities.
  - d. On the matter planning Charlie Adams Day 2021, Brian entered a motion to proceed with planning, Ali seconded, all ayes.
  - e. Without further clarification on the ramifications of cancelling the 2021 NMS annual meeting after previously cancelling the 2020 NMS Annual meeting, the board agreed to table this issue until the consequences could be made clear. Alyssa was instructed to gather information regarding the number of tickets that would have to refunded or honored at another event.
5. **Reports received included:**
  - a. Office report and time sheet
  - b. City Sales Tax report
  - c. Reinvestment Report
  - d. Volunteer hours
  - e. Committee Minutes

- i. In the absence of a committee meeting and therefore minutes, representatives of the amphitheater provided a brief presentation detailing progress made since the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. They asked the board member to follow-up on business mailings, promote the project on social media, and seek out in-kind donors for an electrician, mason, and sprinklers. They have decided to go with a 20' by 30' pavilion. Board members are requested to ask the businesses they are following up with for an \$1893 donation from 1 business or a \$300 donation from 8 businesses. Board members are also requested to do a brief video documenting why they are excited about the Kay County Amphitheater and text to Kim Shanks.
6. Alyssa reminded board members of the Chase the Ace drawing being held every Friday. She also requested that board members stay to assist with the Candidates Forum scheduled for later that evening. A reminder was also issued for Kay County's Boots and Badges.
7. Equity bank has made some changes that effect the NMS Design Grant savings account. Alyssa explained that online banking would have to be signed up for if the previous treasurer has not already done so to avoid charges from the bank for paper statements and that we would have to carefully combine grant payments so as not to exceed the 2 withdrawals a month limit.
8. Next meeting will be held Monday April 19th
9. Meeting was adjourned having completed the agenda with a motion entered by Scott, seconded by Ali and all ayes.

*Fally Cline, President*