

JENKS AMERICA MUSEUM

AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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October 7, 2024 Meeting Highlights

It is with regrets that Clay Cosby has resigned his position as VP due to his taking of a second job. Clay says he is unable to spend the time required to continue as VP. We are sad that Clay has resigned but are hopeful he will stay active in the museum's development. Robert Sexton, JHS Class of 2002 was elected as Vice President at the October 7th meeting by a unanimous vote..

A draft of the grant application for the Okla. Historical Soc. has been submitted for comments. The final grant application will be submitted before November 1, 2024. The \$5,000 grant for developing a strategic plan will be awarded in January 2025.

So far committee members have donated \$620 to the JAM.

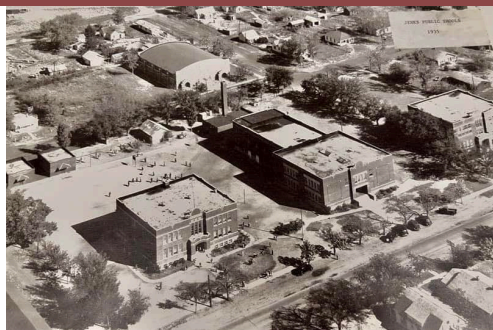
Annette paid the JAM's membership to the Jenks Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will hold a ribbon cutting in the JAM's honor later.



Village on Main



Linda George



Jenks Public Schools on Main St.



Lions Club Bldg

Now a Corporation

The JAM completed another step in brining the museum to reality this month. Tadd Bogan, with Gotcher, Jones and Bogan, PLC., informed us that on Oct. 4, the State of Oklahoma had approved our articles of incorporation for the museum. Our legal name is: Jenks America Museum and Historical Society Corporation.

Tadd is submitting the form for tax exempt 501 C (3)) status to the IRS. This may take up to 3 months for the IRS to approve.

We also have our EIN number from the IRS and will open a bank account at Mabrey Bank.



Community Engagement

Wayne Parker presented the mission and goals of the Jenks America Museum to the Leadership Jenks program on Oct. 8. A program of the Jenks Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Jenks is a yearly training course for future leaders of the Jenks community. 19 members of this years class listened to the presentation about the museum and the history of Jenks.

The presentation was also given to the Jenks America Downtown Merchants Association on Oct. 15.

Additional presentations are scheduled in November for the Jenks Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club of Jenks and Jenks Senior Citizens..

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New Logo

A new logo is being developed thanks to Sherry Stewart's efforts. Sherry has contacted the graphic arts department of Tulsa Tech. to develop a logo for the JAM. The first draft of the logo is due to be ready by October 22 at which time we will meet with the students and review the proposed logo. If it is suitable, it will be presented to the committee for approval.



Melvin Parker Family

Website

The JAM's website continues to draw traffic. 456 visitors opened the website in September, an increase from 128 in August.

May Visitors -- 256

June Visitors -- 356

July Visitors -- 122

www.jenksamericamuseum.org

Banner

The information banner is currently at the Aquarium through the end of October. We will move the banner to a new location in Jenks at the first of November. It is still attracting attention and is very helpful in spreading the word about the museum and the website.

Call for Authors

The committee is calling all authors to submit articles for the JAM website and Newsletter. Anyone may submit to the committee stories about Jenks, families, sports, businesses or government. Any history or memories of the schools and activities would be appreciated.

