

SANFORD COLORADO HISTORY MUSEUM

Board of Directors Meeting

May 20, 2021

The meeting at the museum building was called to order by Vice President Scott Kreps at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Scott Kreps, Lois Miller, and Linda Smith.

Approval of minutes from April 21, 2021

Motion by Linda Smith to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Lois Miller. Minutes approved.

Financial Report

Lois Miller reports that the Museum currently has \$16,094.80.

Building Report

This is a non-comprehensive list of issues that need attention:

- Parapet on the east/back of the building is in urgent need of adobe repair/replacement.
- South wall is bulging in the middle, and some separation of the wall is visible from inside.
- The slope of the yard on the south is draining water from the roof of the firehouse, which does not have gutters, toward the museum.
- Grass and weeds are growing up against the sides of the building.
- Glass is missing in the watchtower, so pigeons have been nesting there. Bird droppings filled the gutter on the north side of the building, and the weight caused the gutter to come off. The gutter has been repaired but the bird problem has not been resolved yet.
- Adobe on the northwest corner of the building has dissolved and left an empty space behind the exterior plaster.
- The area behind the museum needs some cleanup/leveling and spraying for weeds. We need to make a plan for using that space and using the donated church steeple.
- The painted sign on the front of the building needs clearcoat and to be more securely attached to the building.
- Interior ceiling repair is needed from prior roof leaks.
- Building is due for interior cleaning to be ready for summer.

Scott Kreps met with two adobe contractors.

- Paul Duran suggested checking behind the plaster on the south wall to get a better evaluation of the damage, which he could possibly repair along with the parapet on the back of the building for \$7000.00. The stucco needs to be lime for breathability to prevent moisture problems. This repair would be a short term bandaid on the most urgent identified problems.
- Arnold Valdez recommended submitting an application for a building restoration grant. He will not do adobe work without an engineer's assessment. This would be the first

step for a more comprehensive building restoration. We need the support of the community for this, so we need to do a lot of promotion.

Lois met with Brian Crowther who advised to apply for a construction grant. He has some resources and is willing to help. The building belongs to the town, so we need the town to be involved with moving the process forward.

Promotion and Fundraising Brainstorming

- Request help from the Sanford Alumni Association
- Restart the Friends of the Museum effort with T-shirts. – use the water bill to announce it.
- Lois will have a sign made showing this is a historical site, and make the entry alcove more attractive with lighting
- Make historical postcards
- Murals on the garage doors.
- Do a “cash back” drawing for those who make donations. Need to make sure this would not present a conflict with our 501c3 status.
- Promote the use of the Museum for historical presentations/ slideshows, promoting heritage.

Goals

By the end of June, get a commitment from the town to move forward on repairs (short term and long term planning).

Events

John Canty is making some drums. Frankie agreed to have the Museum open from 10-12 on Saturday July 17. Scott will ask if John Canty will be willing to do a Catawba presentation on that day. Mary Cornum said she may be willing to do some more work on the Catawba display.

Assignments:

Lois will be gone for most of the summer. She will arrange for mowing and weed spraying on the north side of the building, and fix up the front entry and sign.

Lois will request that the town replace the outdoor faucet and take care of summer mowing, and ask Mayor Brian Crowther to meet with us in the next 2 weeks.

Scott will get a proposal from Paul Duran to present to the Town.

Linda will open the museum with regular hours every Saturday in June.

Next Meeting: Date to be determined by Brian Crowther’s schedule.