



City of Lebanon
Historic Museum Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes – September 17, 2018

Committee Members: Mayor Paul Aziz, City Councilor Wayne Rieskamp, Library Director Kendra Antila, Jami Cate, Allen Collins, Thonni Morikawa and Linda Ziedrich

Staff Members: City Manager Gary Marks and Administrative Assistant Donna Trippett

Call to Order: 2:03 p.m. in the Library Genealogy Room

Attendance: Councilor Wayne Rieskamp and Linda Ziedrich were absent.

Adoption of August 23, 2018 Minutes: *Cate moved, Collins seconded, to adopt the August 23, 2018 Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.*

Guest Speaker – Pat Monk, Lebanon Genealogical Society Volunteer, distributed a list of history research aids and shared the types of items in their collection. Based on her comment that the Society would be interested in helping with research, it was suggested that the museum's virtual exhibit include a form for people interested in requesting genealogical information.

Report on the 2018 Oregon Museum Association Annual Conference

Marks stated that much of what he heard at the Conference reinforced this committee's discussions, such as trying to engage younger folks. Things he took away from the conference:

- The Fort Nisqually Living History Museum in Tacoma works to engage people of all ages. They are very active on social media and have current culturally relevant events that are tied to historical events – summer camps, escape adventures, an arts and crafts fair, concerts, historic comic book events, and art events. They recommend hiring a photographer for website and social media outreach.
- The Oregon Black Pioneers Museum is a virtual museum and has a popup exhibit that travels to community events around the state.
- Some of what was presented on museum boards would likely not work in Lebanon. For example, those invited to be on the board must be huge museum donors. Cate said that there is something to be said about members being personally invested but there must be a passion, at least initially.
- Board members should wear name badges to show the museum's presence, accrue credibility, and generate interest.
- To also give credibility, board members' photos should be displayed at the museum's front entrance.
- There is now a big emphasis on multiple cultures and heritages being represented because it adds more texture and richness. The committee discussed Lebanon's ethnic groups. Since Lebanon is mostly white, we need to find an area of culture that will add something special to learn about.

Lebanon Museum Project Kick-Off Event

Marks announced that the Museum Project Kick-Off Event (October 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room) will feature Tony Farque who will speak about Kalapuya history in Lebanon. This first effort will be on the first peoples and will inform the community that an effort to open a museum is being made.

- A professional videographer will preserve the presentation.
- Antila will take care of simple refreshments.
- Communications Coordinator Matthews will be doing press releases and social media work. It was suggested that a Facebook event be created to create interest and to get an idea of how many people plan to attend.
- Marks will speak to the Police Chief about security. It was mentioned that the Blue Angels are also State-certified for security.
- Since the City can accept funds for the committee, we may try to accept donations.
- There were suggestions to start a mailing list and to have cards printed with their Facebook page (Lebanon Museum) and website name (LebanonMuseum.org).
- Other items that can be brought in to help create interest: Strawberry Festival dress (Cate), original Strawberry Festival knife (Cate), and an 1850's costume (Morikawa). Aziz will speak with Jeff Smith who has a large photograph collection and Jason Bolen about an old fire engine. Other organizations that may have items: Aladdin Lamp Realty, American Legion, School District (high school bell), and the Police Department.

Discussion

- *State Guide on Non-Profits* – Aziz asked that everyone read the guide. He will also be sending out additional information.

Adjournment

[Minutes submitted by Donna Trippett]