

MINUTES
MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PLAINS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2020
5:30 P.M.

Jill Ryans, Chair, called the **Regular Meeting** of the Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) to order at 5:30 p.m., November 18, 2020, at the Museum of the Great Plains' Louise D. McMahon Hall. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted at City Hall and the entrance to the Museum of the Great Plains, as required by Law.

1. Roll Call.

PRESENT: Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Minnette Page, Sharon Cheatwood, Mary Ann Hankins, Ellouise Love, Cornel Pewewardy, Yuri Schendel, and Marcus Wilcoxson. **ABSENT:** Blaine Adair, Kassidy Legako, Carey Monroe and Tresea Moses. **ALSO PRESENT:** Bart McClenny, Mary Owensby, Deb Baroff, Trevor Williams, Jim Whiteley (MGPA staff) and IGP President Tom Noel

2. Consent Agenda – *The following item is considered routine by the board and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on an item, that item can be removed from the consent agenda prior to action and considered separately.*

a. October 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Wilcoxson to accept the consent agenda item. **SECONDED** by Page
ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE: Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Minnette Page, Sharon Cheatwood, Mary Ann Hankins, Ellouise Love, Cornel Pewewardy, Yuri Schendel, and Marcus Wilcoxson. **NAY** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.
MOTION CARRIED (10- 0).

3. New Business

a. September 2020 Financial Statement

Wilcoxson asked about the number of visitors to the museum. McClenny responded that it has been about half, however this is normally a slow time of year.

MOTION by Page to accept the September 2020 financial statement. **SECONDED** by Hankins. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Minnette Page, Sharon Cheatwood, Mary Ann Hankins, Ellouise Love, Cornel Pewewardy, Yuri Schendel, and Marcus Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (10-0).**

b. Terry K Bell Charitable Donation

McClenny reported that the museum received a \$1,500 donation from the Terry K. Bell Foundation.

c. COVID-19 Action Group

1. Motion to authorize Director & Executive Committee discretion

McClenny asked for a motion to allow him to coordinate with the executive board to modify museum hours or close the museum if needed due to COVID-19. Chair could call a meeting or make the decision to hold a virtual meeting based on safety concerns. **MOTION** by Zelbst to allow the executive committee, to authorize McClenny to call for future meetings if the executive committee decides to hold a virtual meeting. **SECONDED** by Hankins. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Minnette Page, Sharon Cheatwood, Mary Ann Hankins, Ellouise Love, Cornel Pewewardy, Yuri Schendel, and Marcus Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (10-0)**

d. Chrisman-Douglas exhibit (temporary gallery)

McClenny changed the exhibit in the Bell gallery to Mildred Davis (Chrisman-Douglas).

e. Oklahoma Museum Network (OMN) exhibit rotation change

McClenny wanted the board to be aware that normally MGP would change the exhibit, but at OMN's request, he decided to keep the current exhibit through April or May.

f. Mayor to tour collections

Mayor Stan Booker expressed an interest to tour the museum's collections. He will tour the museum on December 2. He seemed enthusiastic about doing oral histories. Minnette gave the background on oral histories. She suggested that the board tour the collections.

g. 2021 "Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence" (ONE) Award Nomination

MGP has been nominated for this state-wide award. If we were to win the award the amount given to the museum could be between \$5,000- \$10,000. McClenny added that it may be hard to win the award and went over some of the criteria we would have to meet. He did point out that many of the things in our by-laws are asked for in the nomination. Deadline is December 1, 2020.

4. Old Business

a. October 30, 31 event Report

McClenny thanked the board for donations of candy for the Halloween event. He also thanked Zelbst and his wife for participating. The museum had 11 visitors with 7 in costume. The following day 49 people and 24 in costume.

b. FMGP (Friends Group) Status

McClenny said that transfer of documents is pending and would receive assets from the Institute.

c. Trading Post Renovation

1. Herring Construction bid

McClenny said we are getting a 3rd bid. Our architect, SLA sent Herring Construction a bid packet. We will have 3 bids to discuss at the next meeting.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Governance

1. Motion to appoint Yuri Schendel as Treasurer

Page said Dr. Morford had passed away and he had held the position as treasurer.

MOTION by Page to accept Schendel as treasurer. **SECONDED** by Cheatwood.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE: Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Minnette Page, Sharon Cheatwood, Mary Ann Hankins, Ellouise Love, Cornel Pewewardy, Yuri Schendel, and Marcus Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Yuri Schendel. **MOTION CARRIED (9-0-1).**

2. Suggestions to fill board vacancy

Page discussed the upcoming board vacancies. She asked the board to start thinking about suggestions. McClenny asked the board to think about diversity when making suggestions and to also make sure they know they must become a member of the museum. Page also noted that we need to look outside the board for more committee members and that we are doing well with having 3 board members on each committee. Zelbst said he would be happy to join the finance committee. Zelbst and Hankins offered a few suggestions for new board members,

b. Diversity and Inclusion

1. Inaugural meeting report

Pewewardy reported that the committee met to discuss a mission statement and goals. He will call committee members to schedule and plan future meetings.

6. Institute of the Great Plains (President's comments)

No projects to report/ Still in a holding state waiting for IRS.

7. Upcoming meetings

Upcoming committee meetings were announced.

8. Comments and/or Audience Participation - None

9. Adjourn – 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Gaasbeck, Secretary

Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) Board of Trustees

Jill Ryans, MGPA Chair