



June Meeting

The June Meeting of Heart of the Heartlands was held June 14, 2017, at the Webb Center in Carona, KS. There were 21 members present. Minutes of the meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Summer Hours

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Photo courtesy of Jim Gillfillan



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Where is it?



This section is a little bit of trivia. Here is the challenge:

- The pictures above are station signs that are currently in our museum.
- For each, what county and state was the town located in?
- What railroad owned each of those station signs?

The answers will be in next month's newsletter.

Photos courtesy of John Chambers

Last Month's signs:

Iola - Allen County, KS - ATSF

Piedmont - Greenwood County, KS - Frisco

Taussig- Cowley County, KS - MOP, east of Winfield

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Dues Letters

Treasurer Brian Carlson recently sent out membership reminder letters to those that had not renewed their memberships. A couple of members responded that they would not be renewing their memberships but wishes the club well. There were about six memberships that were renewed. Thank you to all of our members!

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June 14, 2017 - Heart of the Heartlands - Minutes

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Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved [Jack Evans, Darrell Cave]

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer presented the monthly treasure's report describing the expenditures and monies received for the past month. The report was approved by a vote of the membership present. [Darrell Cave, Alan Chilton]

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After much discussion Joe Murphey has volunteered to take the car to his place and evaluate what needs to be done to make it a static display. Alan Chilton, moved that the club acquire the motorcar. The motion was seconded by Darrell Cave. Darrell volunteered to supply the paint. Larry will get with Steve to work out the details of moving it. Alan Chilton moved to table discussion until the next meeting in regards to extending Steve a 10 year membership in response to the motorcar donation. Darrell Cave seconded the motion. Discussion with Steve will take place to see if he could perhaps be more beneficial for him take the value of the donation off on his taxes in lieu of the 10 year membership.

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Summer Hours: We need to have volunteers for the first and third weekends in July and August. The museum will be open from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm on these days. It is the time that we have in our pamphlets for scheduled hours. This is something that we should consider changing in the future. Having to be there early, around 10:30 am or so to get everything opened up for visitors pretty well takes care of the entire day and you have to bring your lunch if you want to eat. Most but not all visitors show up after lunch anyhow. If you can volunteer it will be greatly appreciated. John Chambers and Allen Chilton will be working on a project to create documents so that anyone wanting to learn more about the museum and give tours will be familiar with the facilities and displays.

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Election of Board Member and Secretary: With the recent, unexpected resignation of Brad Bourbina, there was a need to elect a new member to the Board of Directors and also a new Secretary. A call for nominations for the position was made. Bob Capps volunteered to fill the unexpired term of former board member Brad Bourbina which is until 2019. Alan Chilton moved and Darrell Cave seconded the motion that nominations cease and Bob Capps be elected to the board by acclamation, motion passed. John Chambers moved and Darrell Cave seconded a motion to combine the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, motion passed. Brian Carlson is now filling that position.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned [Alan Chilton, Jack Evans]. The next meeting will be held on July 12 at 7:00 pm.