Minutes of the Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Business Office Conference Room at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Carol Bake
Diane Chamberlain
Mel Miles
Spencer Packer, Chair
Paul Thomas Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT
Nancy Smith

STAFF PRESENT
Stephanie Ivie, City Council Liaison, arrived at 5:15 p.m.
Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL
Minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mel Miles made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Diane Chamberlain seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the Parks Department has taken care of the sprinkler system. Two red bud trees and two white mulberry have been planted next to the fence on the south side. Grass is growing where the previous trees were removed. Bruce Cox is ready to move the cargo container, and place the B. H. Roberts furnishings back into storage. The Board discussed the furniture and if all of the furniture should be returned to storage. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Board expressed appreciation to Paul Thomas Smith for his presentation on the Centerville History Documentary 1847-1869 of Thomas Whitaker at the Storytelling Event on September 11th. There were 63 people in attendance for this event. Clara Goudy Day was celebrated on September 4th. Her daughter came to the Museum, and brought the Declaration for “Clara Goudy Day” from Governor Leavitt that declared September 6th as Clara Goudy Day for her service. Paul Thomas Smith will be conducting the Cemetery Tour on October 9th and October 13th. The tours are free, but reservations are required. Window sills on the exterior of the Museum have been painted, and the deep cleaning is scheduled for this weekend. Marilyn Hymas came to get three bids for the completion of the south wall where the brick is. Lisa Sommer will be going to a conference this weekend at the Rio Grande Building that will be presented by Lisa Buckmiller and Don Hartley. There is also a history conference in Green River on Archival Preservation at the end of October.
BOARD REPORT

Diane Chamberlain and Lisa Linn Sommer reported they met with a descendant of Samuel Whitaker, who was the first son of Elizabeth and Thomas Whitaker. They also met with a great granddaughter of Samuel and Elizabeth who lives in Logan. She is 93 years old, and Diane and Lisa were able to learn new information about Samuel. There is hope that the Board might be able to obtain a rocker and a settee hand carved by Thomas Whitaker.

Paul Thomas Smith discovered a connection between B. H. Roberts and Thomas Whitaker. B. H. Roberts came from England at age 14, and he worked in the mines. He was influenced by unsavory men who worked in the mines, and was dis-fellowshipped by his Bishop. A General Authority was able to help B. H. Roberts turn his life around, and his best friend became John Whitaker, son of Thomas Whitaker. When B. H. Roberts became a General Authority, John Whitaker became his personal secretary.

Chair Spencer Packer made a motion to approve the final installment to Pick It Up Motion Pictures for the Centerville History Documentary that Paul Thomas Smith produced. Mel Miles seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Diane Chamberlain made a motion to order 300 copies of the Centerville History DVD from the Public Relations Account, and 50 copies of the Thomas Whitaker DVD out of the same account. Carol Bake seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Spencer Packer met with Timber Mill Cabinets, and the installation of the cabinets is scheduled for October 9th. This should be a one-day installation, and then the granite can be templated for the countertop. A sink will need to be selected before the countertop is installed, and Lisa Sommer will purchase the sink.

POTENTIAL ANTIQUE STOVE CONVERSION/USE OF POTENTIAL UNUSED STOVE FUNDS

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported it is not possible to place a gas stove top on an antique stove as the Board had previously planned for. Lisa suggested the gas line should not be installed, and instead, change the oven to electric and use existing drawers to hide the wood. She believes a gas stove top would be a hazard, especially when children are in the Museum. There was $7,642 available for the purchase of the antique stove, and an electric antique stove would be $3,500. The extra funds could be used to seal the chimney. The Board discussed the stove, and it was agreed to not make a decision until all of the Board members are present.
TREE REMOVAL NORTH OF HOME/REMOVAL OF DEAD BRANCHES FROM WILLOW

Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported the tree on the north side west of the summer kitchen needs to be removed. Lisa has received two bids, and she is waiting for one more bid. The tree is diseased and two large branches have recently fallen off.

MUSEUM LANDSCAPE DISCUSSION IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING WITH CENTERVILLE PARK STAFF IN NOVEMBER

Chair Packer met with Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director, and he submitted information on the pioneer period plants for the Museum grounds. Drawings of the proposed landscape plans were distributed. Paul Thomas Smith explained in restoring something from the past extends to the plants as they were 150 years ago. It is important for the education, and Davis County was once known for its abundance of fruit orchards and fruit drives. The Board is trying to create the story of the Museum both inside and outside. Mr. Cox will return with a proposal to try and begin the landscaping of the grounds.

MISCELLANEOUS

Paul Thomas Smith asked about a driveway for the carriage house. Chair Packer said he likes the idea of a driveway, but is a low priority at this time. Gravel driveways are a problem for the large sit down mowers that are used to mow the lawn.

NEXT MEETING

The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURN

At 6:20 p.m., Mel Miles made a motion to adjourn. Diane Chamberlain seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Spencer Packer, Chair

Connie Larson, Recording Secretary