

**MINUTES: Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**  
**Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center, Overland Park, KS**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Barker, Secretary. Present were Ms. Barnes, Mr. Dillingham, Ms. English, Mr. Ford, Mr. Fortunato, Mr. Glenn, Ms. Hunkeler, Mr. Nevius, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Smith, Ms. Stroup, Ms. Thellman, Mr. Wood, Ms. Woodall and Mr. Wulf.

Attending via phone were Ms. Buhr, Mr. Harris and Mr. Rankin.

Absent were Mr. Benton Ms. Caskey, Mr. Crow, Mr. Glasscock, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Pfautsch, Brig. Gen. Scott, Ms. Tacha, Mr. Tempel and Mr. Wagnon.

Staff members attending included Ms. Hobson, Ms. McPike, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Pickert, Mr. Ogle, Ms. Smith and Mr. Szlauderbach.

Ms. Mindi Love, Director, Johnson County Museum, welcomed the board to the museum.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Nevius moved to approve the April 2017 minutes. Ms. Hunkeler seconded the motion, which passed

**Financial Report:** Mr. Ogle gave the financial report on behalf of Mr. Glasscock.

**Sustainability:** Ms. McPike shared updates on a funding agreement reached by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas. Mr. Ogle commended Ms. McPike for her efforts with the Alliance.

Mr. Ogle updated the board on the work of staff to engage elected officials. Board members discussed outcomes of the showcases with Congressman Yoder and Congresswoman Jenkins.

Ms. McPike gave an update on her recent visit to D.C. with other members of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas.

Mr. Szlauderbach provided the board with an overview of selected local foundations. The board discussed potential for reaching out to those foundations for support.

**Quindaro Report:** Ms. Hobson reported that the grant Freedom's Frontier submitted in partnership with the Unified Government to the Kansas Historical Society was fully funded. The grant will support the application for National Historic Landmark status for the Quindaro ruins. Freedom's Frontier has also submitted a grant to the Kansas Humanities Council to support the Quindaro Oral History project and the symposium. Mr. Ogle commended Ms. Hobson on her efforts with the Quindaro stakeholders group.



Mr. Glenn asked about recruiting and retaining volunteers. He noted that outreach to volunteers needs to be a focus for the organization.

**Signage Update:** Mr. Pickert presented on the state of the Freedom's Frontier boundary, partner, and directional signage projects.

**Interpretive Grants Update:** Ms. Hobson reported on grants approved for the quarter.

**Partner Coordinator Update:** Mr. Newhard reported on efforts to engage new partners. Mr. Nevius asked for clarification on how the organization differentiates between visitor site partners and capacity building partners.

**Johnson County Kansas Heritage Foundation:** Mr. Ogle provided an overview of the JCKHF and the technical assistance Freedom's Frontier has provided to the organization.

**Race Project KC Update:** Ms. Hobson gave an update on efforts to expand Race Project.

**Educator Outreach:** Ms. McPike reported on an outreach effort she and Ms. Hobson participated in for educators participating in a National Endowment for Humanities supported professional development at the Nelson-Atkins Museum.

**Youth Camp Updates:** Ms. Hobson reported on summer youth camps.

**Guidestar:** Mr. Ogle shared that Freedom's Frontier reached gold status on Guidestar and is working on platinum status.

**#FreedomFrontierFridays:** Ms. Smith reported on the summer social media promotion, using the hashtag #FreedomFrontierFridays. Mr. Glenn asked for more clarification. Ms. Smith noted that the promotion is an effort to drive traffic and engagement. Mr. Glenn asked for a 30 minute workshop on social media prior to the next board meeting.

**New Business:** Mr. Dillingham recognized Mr. Ogle for his efforts to help Freedom's Frontier grow.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie McPike for Deborah Barker, Board Secretary