

Rogers Historical Museum Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2020

Attending: Kathleen Dickerson, John Ford, Jerry Hiatt, Nancy Swearingen, Mike Whitmore, Serena Barnett, Sandy Chalmer.s, Sherry Ashley

The meeting was called to order at 4:00; the minutes of the February 6th meeting were approved as written.

Sandy Chalmers reported for the Friends of the Rogers Museum that they had met and are considering ideas for a memorial to honor the memory of Kay Sanford. They are also preparing to have a table at the Meet the Director event to solicit new members.

The Commissioners welcomed Sherry Ashley, newly hired Executive Director for the Museum Foundation, who started work on February 18th and will be in a new office soon at the Center for Non-Profits.

Director Serena Barnett gave an update on the Museum Operations for the past month:

- The “Black Experience” exhibit has opened in the Trammel Gallery, and Serena has met with JR Shaw and Karen Wageman from the Chamber on additional publicity and an opportunity to collaborate with NWACC on Black History Month. The exhibit will be featured next week in the “What’s Up” section of the NWADG
- Serena has been working with Hannah from the City PR Dept. on graphics for the Meet the Director event.
- The Museum will stay open until 7:30 on Art Walk nights
- The Collections Report was presented and approved by unanimous vote.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to the final plans for the Meet the Director event one week from today, March 12th.

- Nancy, Sandy, and Jenny Harmon from the Foundation have spent time the last two weeks compiling a list (from the Friends mailing list, the Foundation list of donors, the History Club, and the Museums annual report list) to receive the postcard invitation for the event. Labels were run, and the cards were sent...The Friends bulk mail stamp was used.
- Nancy has borrowed serving supplies from the City (cups, napkins, platters)
- Mayor Hines has committed to being the host who will introduce Serena that night
- Kathleen will donate flowers
- The Trammel Room will be set up with a few tables and chairs, podium, and sound.
- Museum Lobby will have tables for refreshments as well as a table for the Friends, and some signage panels to promote museum activities, give suggestions for how people can support the Museum, and a “Suggestion Wall” for ideas regarding the upcoming 140th birthday of Rogers.
- Jenny, Nancy, and Serena will shop next Wednesday for refreshments from SAMS, and will meet on Thursday morning to prepare platters, set up tables, etc.

Th meeting was adjourned at 5:00. Next meeting will be April 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Swearingen for Kathleen Dickerson