

Golden Spike Tower Board of Directors Meeting

May 17, 2019

8:00am Golden Spike Tower

1. Call to order by Kruse at 8:03am
2. Roll call – Jim Backenstose, Dick Foran, John Guethlein, Todd Hlavaty, Bonnie Kruse, Tim Malmkar, Jennifer Priest, Anna Stacey, Mike Steele Staff present: Kirsten Parker
3. Approval of minutes M/ Hlavaty 2nd/ Malmkar Motion carried
4. Presidential Comments

Community Day went well. The Nebraska Passport program and the release of the Canteen book were featured. Kruse discussed raising awareness of the occupancy tax and the terms of the USDA loan. Kruse discussed releasing the terms of the loan, the end date etc. An impact study of the GST on the community would be helpful. Research into grant funds to fund that's study will be researched.

Committee Reports

Property & Growth

Malmkar and Parker gave an update on the lawn work, The volunteers will assess the donation of the trains to the GST. Dick Foran seeded the lawn, Trent Benjamin will spray the rocks for weeds. Parker purchased flowers than can be moved inside to avoid wind damage. Lawn Wizard will mow, Jorgenson's will fertilize. The corn is planted and the rocks have been removed (correctly).

Marketing/PR/Events

Community Day attendance 2018- 490, attendance 2019 – 556. Gift shop 2018- \$3.69 per person. 2019 \$5.43 per person. (\$4.17 without the book purchase) Meeting notes attaches

Education

Operation Life Saver and UP are trying to come together on funding for the safety stair project. The tour schedule is attached.

Operations

Steele presented financial reports (attached)

Executive Director Report

Attached

Kruse stated there is an open board position.

M/ Priest Adjourn at 9:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Priest, Secretary