

GRAND LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING
GRAND LAKE COMMUNITY HOUSE
June 8, 2016 7:00 pm

20 Members Were Present: Jim Cervenka, Frank Reardon, Kathy Means, Deb Bondi, Rudy Perez, Elin and Jim Capps, Steve Batty, Patti Stahl, Kenn and Muriel Johnson, Gary Calder, Carolyn Alcorn, Paul Gilbert, Lynne and Tom Ludwig, Nancy and Bob Lavington, Joe and Julie Cunningham.

An additional 27 non-members were present for the presentation.

President Jim Cervenka welcomed the attendees. He continued by telling a bit of “what we’ve been up to and how YOU can help preserve, protect and promote the history of the Grand Lake , Colorado area”. The Kauffman House Museum, in operation since 1973, receives up to 5,000 visitors from all over the country and the world each year; Jim encouraged attendees to volunteer three hours a week as docents. He added that, by volunteering even three hours a year, for example selling refreshments at the annual chicken dinner, one can support GLAHS. He noted that lists of items we need, ranging from paper products to full exhibits, were on a nearby table, and encouraged folks to consider donating an item as another way of supporting the GLAHS.

The Kauffman House exterior was fully restored last summer, and windows and trim will be repaired this summer; all of this takes money. The Smith Eslick Cottage Court has been placed on its first-ever permanent foundation, has had flooring restored in two units, and will be restored in the coming months; the foundation and restoration are funded in part by grants from History Colorado - State Historical Fund. Jim explained that both grants require matching funds, and asked attendees to consider contributing. Finally, Jim asked attendees to consider volunteering to serve on the GLAHS board which meets at 7:00 pm every second Wednesday of the month, for about two hours, at the modular office south of the post office.

President Cervenka introduced presenter Hoppe Southway and his wife Cindy. Hoppe presented “The Adventures of Frank and Mona Southway” with pictures and stories about his folks who traveled the world with heavy construction machinery and pipeline work, and owned the Stagecoach Inn before opening the Southway Lodge. Hoppe entertained and educated us with tales of his mom’s and dad’s work at the Southway Lodge, which hosted the first Grand Lake Buffalo Barbecue, and struggled to make a living while having a lot of fun. Hoppe also explained a bit about his dad’s pipeline work, particularly in Israel and Capetown, S. Africa, and shared his own experiences growing up in Grand Lake in the 1960s and ‘70s.

After intermission, President Jim Cervenka opened the Annual Meeting. Steve Batty moved, Deb Bondi seconded, all agreed to approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting. Nominations to the Board of Directors: Sharon King must leave the board, but will remain as Membership Chair. Gary Calder has agreed to join the board, Kathy Means and Deb Bondi have agreed to remain for another three year term on the board. There were no nominations from the floor. Elin moved, Frank seconded, all agreed to the election of Gary, Kathy and Deb to the Board. Jim explained that the president is not a member of the board, but is elected annually. Jim Cervenka has been

nominated; there were no additional nominations from the floor. Kathy Means moved, Gary Calder seconded, all agreed to the election of Jim Cervenka as President.

Jim reported that we need to get a grant application to the Town of Grand Lake, approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 or so. Deb suggested we asked for a grant match for the restoration of the Cottage Court. With no additional business, Patti moved to adjourn, Deb seconded, all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elin Capps, Secretary

Next Annual Meeting is June 14th, 2017, 7:00 PM, at the GL Community House.