

Highland Historical Society Meeting Minutes

9 October 2025, Highland Historical Society Museum

Called to Order: Claudia Sudweeks, 7 pm

Minutes Approval: Brenda is sick, minutes not available

Introductions & New Members:

- Claudia Sudweeks, president
- Melia Lewis: Social Media
- Noah Lewis - interested in mechanics
- Wayne Tanaka: board member, President of the Friends of Highland City Library; like history and historical aspect of the city
- Mark Thompson - board member, Highland mayor #9
- Eric Adamson - board member, Highland mayor #2 - (not able to come tonight)
- Brenda Thurgood - secretary (not able to come tonight)
- Charles Greenland - board member, historian, president emeritus
- Dane Wood - digitization committee head - 28 books, 1,235 pictures, and 107 documents digitized
- Robert Uzelac - AF Canyon history, in Highland 45 years - suggestion: committee what is going to be accepted
- Laury Smith - Memory Preservation Committee chair, been in Highland since 2000, first Highland Arts Council director
- Erin Pritchett - documenting Highland since 1999, past Highland Elementary School PTA president, in UGA leadership with Claudia
- Shauna Larson - Highland City Arts Council president
- Ray Buhler - board member, tractors in the Highland Fling
- Cassandra - (not in attendance) wants to be involved

Meeting time

- Move to every other month on second Thursday at 7 pm, starting in January

Partnership with Arts Council

- Center:
 - Large family collections coming in - no place for them in our small room - need a museum (Charlie's dream) - White family vehicles, etc.
 - Claudia has been researching options for a future museum talking with city council (Highland and others), Utah Historical Society, genealogists, and many more
 - Meeting with the Arts Council president Shauna Larson - they also need more space
 - We decided to work together
 - Formed board for the new Highland Center for Arts and Heritage - meets 2nd Mondays

- In the process of drawing up bylaws
- Center will include: museum, Arts classrooms, senior citizen center, auditorium & stage (theater and music groups)
- Mark has a letter of land the city has land for a Historical Society museum
- Looking for land options - 2 lots offered by city, possibly too small
- Hoping for an interactive family museum - Gale Center in South Jordan is a good example
- Ideas from Robert Uzelac - need to follow up
- Drawing initial ideas, looking for land
- Website – funds - 2 city council members gave us money to build a website
- Possibility to become a branch of Highland Arts Council so that we do not have to create our own 501c3; less problematic when creating the Center - don't want multiple competing 501c3 entities

Subcommittees and teams – growing our society – help finding people

- Early Family Collections: Additional Records - haven't yet invited the chair to the meeting
 - Help find out what will be coming in, what family stories/documents are out there
- Digitization – Histories, Documents, & Media, Highland Piper - update by Dane Wood
 - Dane will be the coordinator for Highland Piper with the Utah Historical Society
- Genealogical/Historical Research – AF Canyon, Cultural
 - Genealogy team will build upon Charlie's histories of each early family, using the documents and pictures being digitized
- Outreach
 - Social media - need to get Melia the logins and share images with her to use
 - Newsletter - hoping Charlie will write a monthly clip; Brenda will create a children's activity
 - Highland Farmer's Market - future (May- September) - had a booth in the market last year (2024); Laury's suggestion: open the cabin at the same time
 - Highland Fling - need to find a person to head this next year; Ray - tractors and "floats", Laury did banners and stickers, Stice sisters in the parade, Ray's family helped with the luncheon; sad that 150 years of Highland wasn't more celebrated; different kinds of anniversaries ahead
 - DUP liaison - needed, Heather
 - Schools, seminar/story time, etc. - future; 4th grade curriculum; presentations to the 7th grade
 - Librarian - would like to work with us
- Video Biography/Memory Preservation – interviews and video editing
 - Charles Greenland
 - Stice sisters - Darlene & Dorothy
 - Quentin White
 - Kathryn Schram
 - Upcoming: Mark Thompson, quite a list
 - Need editors
 - Need deeds of gift

- Video teacher at high school offered help of his students
 - Laury suggested a contest
 - Sterling Scholar program
 - Youth Council
- Museum - need deeds of gift, docent
- Calendar - organize all of these

Need to grow:

- Board
- Committees - need people to head and report on each committee
- Society membership
- Robert Uzelac pointed out the need for prioritizing our goals
 - Claudia agreed and believes getting committee heads will help divide up the tasks and make more things possible
- Scott Smith - city council member over the historical society, very busy
- Co-president/Vice president - needed

Partnership with Arts Council

- Suggestion: for clear agreement about how we fit in the arts council as a branch, about moneys & item donations, how we are represented, not dependent upon Shauna's and Claudia's friendship - clearly documented
 - Museum
 - Inventory – deeds of gift
 - Fundraising, grants
- Need to send a link to the presentation to the city, and the information packet
- Art gallery - Dennis Smith (legacy collection shared with Alpine), Blair Buswell, Tom Holdman
- Shauna will write up a contract with the help of the city attorney
- There will be a separate account created for the center

Center for Arts and Heritage - mentioned previously

Partnership with Arts Council vote:

Motion to partner with the Highland City Arts Council made by Ray Buhler

Second by Wayne Tanaka

Vote unanimous - passed

Claudia will share the partnership agreement

We will start the new meeting schedule in January. It might be possible to use part of the new building.

Arts Council meeting 2nd Wednesday

Need to work on bylaws for the Highland Historical Society - city attorney can help
Need to ask the city if there any registered

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm