

# SHERIDAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Notes from April 28 Meeting

**Present:** Board: Bonita Hutcheson, Earl McCoy, Cliff Mueller: Guests: William Carter, Eddie Kanoza, Ken Reiter

**Call to Order:** At 7:55 p.m., President Bonita Hutcheson called the meeting to order, but noted that a quorum of the Board was not present, and any actions or recommendations would require approval at the next meeting.

**Reports:** Cliff Mueller reported that the balance in the Shares Account is \$3,639.89, and in the Draft Account is \$155.03.

**School District Concerns:** Ken Reiter, Superintendent of the Sheridan School District, talked about concerns of the school district Board in relation to the Sheridan Historical Society plans to develop a historic center on the school property. The school district, with about thirty other organizations, has proposed a community health center to serve the Sheridan area; the school district has applied for a study grant to plan for the service center. The last available building space for the schools will be the present location of the barracks, including the location previously discussed for placing the buildings to be moved. Possibly the history center could be put south of the present barracks building.

The question is, can space be provided for the Historical Society reconstruction project? The School District Board has a concern that the Historical Society would bring buildings to the site without adequate funds to restore and reconstruct the structures. The Board is not interested in more than a 3-year (or possibly 5-year) lease. President Hutcheson stated that Gannett Outdoor Advertising will look at the historic buildings, to see if their equipment could move them to the proposed site. Present funds of the Historical Society can pay for a fence and insurance for the site. Mr. Reiter said that the Sheridan Historical Society should provide a letter of intent, indicating what is planned and with dates for accomplishment of the plans, and with an agreement to remove the buildings if the work is not completed on schedule.

**Other Business:** Cliff Mueller has not received any interest from groups he has contacted for the proposed seminar on Oral History projects. Other groups will be contacted. At least ten people should participate if the seminar is to be held.

**Next Meeting:** Bonita will not be able to attend the Board meeting on the fourth Thursday in May; the meeting will be held on that date since alternate dates were not feasible.

Earl McCoy, Secretary