

KPRLC Board

Meeting Summary, Thursday, July 31, 2025

Quick recap

The meeting began with administrative matters including financial document review and transition of meeting minutes responsibilities. The group discussed various ongoing projects including financial updates, grant reports, and a new traveling exhibit featuring Kansas symbols. The conversation ended with planning discussions for upcoming events, organizational matters, and social media coordination, along with updates on storage locations and future meeting arrangements.

Next steps

- Bradley: Complete the final grant report by August 30th.
- Bradley: Meet with the Liebenthal Altar Society to arrange for the preservation award presentation on November 9th.
- Bradley: Create a save-the-date flyer for the Quarry to Glory tour for the Dream Theater event on August 14th.
- Bradley: Present at the Dream Theater on August 14th at 7pm.
- Bradley: Ensure coalition membership materials and brochures are available at the Dream Theater event.
- Bradley: Create a contact information card for people interested in the Quarry to Glory tour tickets.
- Bradley: Release the newsletter after the preservation award announcement.
- Bradley and Jeannie: Write a press release about the preservation award winner.
- Jeannie: Pick up and pay for the preservation award plaque.
- Jeannie: Drop off the award plaque to Bradley before the November 9th event.
- Bradley: Pick up brochures from Great Bend and one more case from the chamber office.
- Bradley: Deliver brochures to Linda's bookstore in Russell when she's ready.
- Bradley: Bring Post Rock boxes to Linda in Russell.

- Jeannie: Bring all the Post Rock materials to Linda's bookstore for storage.
- Jeannie: Drop off the limestone items to Linda's bookstore on Monday.
- Bradley: Forward the financial report to Kris for the minutes.
- Bradley: Upload the financial report to the shared file.
- Jeannie: Prepare a year-to-date revenue report from the Bennington State Bank website.
- Bradley: Continue reworking the educational program kit with public domain images.
- Jeannie: Contact Don Penkaus about using his photo of the Denmark bridge with WPA keystone for the Sunflower League Exhibition.
- Kris: Send a picture of the Barnard sign for the Sunflower League Exhibition.
- Jeannie: Ask her brother if his "Stramel" yard sign can be photographed for the Sunflower League Exhibition.
- Bradley and Neil: Create a model quarry with a cast limestone post for the Sunflower League Exhibition.
- Kris: Develop a smaller, sack lunch style Lincoln bus tour for fall and share the itinerary with the team for approval.
- Kris: Consider taking on the secretary position and provide a decision at the next meeting.
- Charma: Create social media content for Wilson in December.
- Lisa: Create her missed social media content.
- Bradley: Send the YouTube video link about Pete Felton's limestone sculptures to all members.
- Linda: Sell limestone items at the bookstore.
- Bradley: Contact Julie in Larned about hosting the next meeting on September 24th.
- Bradley: Email Kevin Colley to invite him to the next meeting.
- Kelli: Provide Julie's contact information to Bradley for the Larned meeting arrangements.

- Kris: Consider providing booth space for Post Rock at the Post Rock Fest on August 30th if Bradley can attend.

Summary

Chandler Transition and Bookstore Plans

Jeannie informed Bradley that Chandler, who had been trained by them, was leaving to take a position at Hays Arts Council. They discussed the transition and the challenges of finding a replacement. The group also talked about Linda's upcoming bookstore grand opening and Jeannie's plans to visit on Saturday. Bradley mentioned he would pick up brochures and store them temporarily before delivering them to Linda.

Financial Review and Meeting Minutes

The meeting began with a discussion about financial documents, which Jeannie had sent to Bradley. Bradley mentioned that he would review the financial information before proceeding with the meeting agenda. The group then reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous meeting, with Kris taking over the role of minutes taker for future meetings. The conversation ended with some technical difficulties as Linda joined the call, and Bradley attempted to share his screen.

Financial Updates and Project Status

The meeting focused on financial updates, including a review of recent transactions and account balances. Bradley discussed the completion of a grant report, noting its complexity and the upcoming deadline of August 30th. The group approved the financial report, and Charma inquired about the budget report, which Bradley clarified. The team also discussed the need to transition to QuickBooks Online, but encountered issues with the TechSoup subscription. Lastly, Bradley mentioned that the brochure project was complete and ready for pickup in Great Bend.

Post Rock and Limestone Exhibit

The group discussed several projects and issues. They addressed a Post Rock fence situation in Rush County where KDOT decided to remove part of the fence despite their efforts to preserve it. Bradley shared details about a new traveling exhibit called Sunflower League that will feature Kansas symbols, including a two-page spread on Post Rock and limestone. The group discussed obtaining photos for the exhibit, including yard signs with names, the Lincoln sign, and a Keystone in a bridge photo. They also talked about a new project involving creating a molded resin replica of a limestone post for the exhibit.

Event Planning and Coordination Updates

The group discussed several upcoming events and projects. Bradley reported on the status of 3D printed items and mentioned an upcoming presentation at the Dream Theater about the "Quarry to Glory" theme. Kris shared updates on a potential smaller-scale bus tour for fall, which she is still working on planning. The group also discussed the 2026 event, which Bradley is coordinating. They confirmed a date in June and mentioned plans for a German lunch. Bradley emphasized the need to finalize advertising dates by the next meeting in late July or early August.

Preservation Award Presentation Planning

The group discussed plans for presenting the Preservation Award, deciding to wait until the annual dinner on November 9th at Liebenthal, where they will surprise the winner. Jeannie will drop off the plaque to Bradley before the event, and Bradley will coordinate with the Altar Society to arrange the presentation. They also briefly touched on the upcoming fair and the need to complete a grant final report in the next couple of weeks.

Organizational Planning and Event Prep

The group discussed several organizational matters, including the need for a new secretary position, with Kris expressing interest but requesting time to consider the commitment. They planned promotional activities for an upcoming event, deciding to create save-the-date cards and distribute membership brochures, with Bradley agreeing to handle flyer distribution. Bradley also mentioned reworking an educational program kit, replacing non-public domain images with his own photographs, and planned to share the updated version at the next meeting.

Social Media Schedule Adjustments

The team discussed the social media schedule, with Charma volunteering to take over Wilson in December after missing her July shift. They agreed to combine Ness and Edwards Counties into November, while Kelli noted that Edwards County had limited content to post. The group also discussed Linda Crowder's role in managing social media posts, with Linda being praised for filling in gaps despite her busy schedule.

Pete Felton Sculpture Video Discussion

The team discussed a new video about Pete Felton's limestone sculptures, which Bradley shared on the website with permission from Ryan Schukman. They agreed to share the video link on Facebook and consider collecting other limestone-related videos on the website. Jeannie noted that not all of Felton's sculptures are made of post rock, and

Charma inquired about the status of a video project paid for by Rosalyn, which is still in progress.

Felten Center Planning and Events

The group discussed plans for a Felten center at the Ellis County Historical Society, which will be established after Pete's death and include his carving shop as a permanent tribute. They reviewed upcoming events, including Post Rock fest on August 30th, though Bradley may not be able to attend due to a conflicting exhibit pickup. The team also discussed a "Craftique" event in Luray on October 18th, where Charma cannot participate due to the thrift store commitment, but they noted they may have items to sell at the event.

Limestone Storage and Meeting Plans

The group discussed storing limestone items at the bookstore, with Linda offering to sell them on the sales floor. They also debated the location of their next meeting, with Lisa suggesting Scandia for a lunch meeting on September 24th. Bradley expressed a preference for a central location, while others suggested alternating between Russell and Lincoln counties or including other areas like Mitchell or Ellis counties. The group agreed to continue with their current meeting schedule for the remainder of the year, with the possibility of occasional special meetings at different locations.

Opera House Project and Updates

The group discussed the Wilson Opera House project and a new director, Kevin Colley, for Ellsworth County. They planned the next meeting for September 24th in Larned, with Kelli offering to contact Julie about hosting the event. The group also discussed the possibility of a tour of the Fort Larned Santa Fe Trail Center. The conversation ended with Jeannie mentioning her upcoming move and storage of coalition materials.