

CITY OF PACIFIC
Meramec Valley Historical Society Meeting Minutes
300 Hoven Dr
Pacific, MO 63069
January 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Call to order: The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Oliver.

Present for the Meramec Valley Historical Society: Chairman Dennis Oliver, Jeff Titter, Bonnie Post, Lori Perdew, Mike Gallagher, Jeanne Bandermann.

City Staff: Tourism Director O'Malley, Aldermen Stewart, Building Department Clerk Bauguess.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jeff Titter, seconded by Lori Perdew to approve the minutes with corrections. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

Public Participation

New Business-

- A. Update on historical plaques

Tourism Director O'Malley reported that all plaques are complete, with some to be installed when warmer weather arrives. She noted that Ziglin Signs is slightly behind but is expected to catch up, and all signs should be installed by warmer weather.

- B. Decisions on additional plaques for 2026

Tourism Director O'Malley reported that she is working towards getting a map showing the locations of the plaques. She noted that the cost of additional plaques may have increased and is waiting on the updated quotes and that a list should be created moving forward if more plaques are desired. Discussion followed. Chairman Dennis Oliver mentions the new list of historical plaques 2026; Graze Catering, Historic First Baptist, Pacific Presbyterian Church, The Cave Service station, Both Citizens bank and Birdsong. **Motion by Jeff Titter, seconded by Mike Gallagher, to approve the designation of Graze Catering, Historic First Baptist Church, Pacific Presbyterian Church, the Cave Service Station, both Citizens Bank locations for inclusion on the 2026 Historical Plaques list. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result. Motion carried.**

Old Business-

- A. Update on Sue Reed's book

Tourism Director O'Malley reported an update on the reprint of the Sue Reed book, noting the cost will be \$6.75 per book through Straatmann's Printing & Design and will include a new cover, thicker paper, and spiral binding that was passed around in the committee. **Motion by Jeff Titter, seconded by Lori Perdew, to approve the recommendation of \$6.75 per book through Straatmann's Printing & Design with the new changes. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result. Motion Carries**

Reports

A. Director Report-

Tourism Director O'Malley reported on several upcoming events and tourism activities, including SINGO on February 21, a Teen and Adult Easter Egg Hunt, the Route 66 BBQ Battle & Bluegrass Festival in late May, and a Fourth of July parade celebrating the 250th anniversary of America. She noted continued strong visitation at Red Cedar, with the Corvette Club scheduled to visit on January 17 and a recent retirement community tour that was well received. She announced upcoming exhibits, including the Route 66 Quilt Square exhibit from July through September and a traveling exhibit, "Route 66: The Untold Story of Women on the Mother Road," arriving September 16–17 with a guest speaker on the evening of September 16. She mentions car clubs are beginning to book weekend visits throughout the summer, with one club per weekend, up to 20 vehicles, and support from local vendors. Ms. O'Malley also reported upcoming features in additional magazines, and she shared that she has contacted Union Pacific regarding a possible stop in Pacific by the Big Boy Steam Engine. She mentions no schedule has been released but she emphasized that the city's strong railroad history and its designation as "Train Town USA," will help but she will continue efforts to encourage a stop in Pacific.

B. Aldermen Report-

Jeff Titter mentions to Alderman Stewart if she could ask City Administrator Litterell to come to one of the meetings so the historical society board can meet him. Alderman Stewart says she will let him know.

Miscellaneous

Adjournment

Motion made by Lori Perdew, seconded by Mike Gallagher. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

Next meeting will be February 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.