

## **CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, February 8, 2021 Minutes**

**Phone Conference Dial-in number (US): (425) 436-6318**

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- Call to Order: 12:07
- Roll Call: Joe L. Sheppard, Peggy Ledbetter, Wayne Adickes, Emily Weatherly, Rev. Taylor, Gerald Zengerle, Jessie Mathis, Angie Cuellar, Rafael Acosta Jr., Museum Manager Amber Fitts Jones.
- Approval of the minutes – December minutes approved, moved by Wayne, Second by Jessie. No minutes to approve for January due to no quorum for the meeting.
- Financial Report – Spending this FY Amber reported on the financials emailed a copy of the financial report the day before the meeting. We will continue to limit spending at this time. We will be looking to replace all light bulbs with LED bulbs.
- New Board Member: Peggy Ledbetter motioned to make Mary Gayle Brindley a member of the museum board, Wayne Adickes seconded motion all were in favor. It will be presented at March's City Council meeting. Amber will notify Mrs. Brindley.
- Discuss Changing to Zoom Meetings: Joe Sheppard discussed formatting future meetings on zoom until it is safer for us to meet in person. Amber will review the Zoom procedures with board members to assure everyone feels comfortable and has the resources to meet with Zoom.
- Oral History of the Black Churches of Cuero: Wayne hopes with the assistance of Rev. Taylor to get the history up this month.
- Cuero All American City Award 1969: Cuero received the All-American City Award in 1969 and was the only city in the area to receive it. If any information is located on this, please send it to Amber for her to put together an exhibit.
- Cuero Heritage Museum
  - Updating the Gobbler Exhibit and Going Digital: all panels through 2009 now completed. Liz is now working on vinyl wraps on the verticals displaying football pictures through the years. Amber is looking into an option for touch screen. The screens will need allow for sanitizing after touching.
  - New Exhibit: The Birth of Cuero and Figures of Captivation: Amber updated that she has 88 bios currently and still needs about 8 more. The exhibit also contains old pictures of the city and is part of celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DeWitt County. She stated that the bios were very interesting and a significant part of Cuero History. Amber will post the bios on Facebook.
- Pharmacy and Medical Museum of Texas
  - New Window Exhibit – New exhibit with antique sewing machines has gone up.
  - Gerald stated that he has acquired Dr. Ruess's desk from the 60's and is willing to donate it to the museum if there is a place for it.
  - Bookcase restoration is continuing, and Amber has found someone to assist with the restoration.
- Other Old Business: Wayne discussed the possibility of creating a Black History Month Exhibit next year at the Pharmacy Museum, stating that he saw a documentary on a Black Chemist by the name of Percy Lavon Julian that was a pioneer in medicinal drugs from plants and discovered steroids. He stated he felt this would a good addition to the museum. Julian was one of the first African Americans to receive a doctorate in chemistry.

- New Business: Letter of resignation received from Candy Henderson. Amber will send an acknowledgement thanking her, for her time serving on the board. Wayne stated we need to find some new board members. Amber asked that the board members to please take a look at the 175<sup>th</sup> exhibit.
- Adjourn: Wayne motioned to adjourn meeting Emily second all in favor meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angie Cuellar, Board Member