

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

12:00 – 1:30 PM, Cuero Heritage Museum

Tuesday, February 02, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Adickes. Members present were Steve Waldrop, Joe Reuss, Jim Stokes, Jessie Mathis, Peggy Ledbetter, Cynthia Lawyer, Cliff Weber, Candy Henderson, Sherry Esse, consultant Liz Heiser and Museum Manager Amber Fitts.

Approval of the minutes: The January 2016 minutes were approved.

Financial Report: The January reports were not ready, but Wayne reported that we are still doing well financially.

Wayne announced that the Meet the Mayor Coffee for February will be held at CHM from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on the 9th. Members are encouraged to attend and let Mayor Meyer know how much we appreciate her support of CHM and PMMT. Amber and Wayne reported that attendance at all the Meet the Mayor Coffees has been good and a variety of people from the community have attended.

Wayne also announced that the city will host an appreciation social for all members of volunteer city boards on March 3 at 5:30 p.m. The location and other details are still to be determined.

Docents: Liz Beck is now volunteering every Thursday.

A thanks was given to the Chamber for agreeing to pay for printing 10,000 copies of the brochure of the four Cuero museums which will be distributed throughout Texas.

City Budget Deficit: Wayne reported that the city has seen a 30% decrease in its budget for this year. The city has instituted a hiring freeze and other money-saving ventures. However, the City Manager assured Wayne that this deficit will not affect museum spending at this time.

Need Two Additional Board Members: It was reported that Board Member Don Albrecht is recovering from surgery and possibly will not be able to continue participating on the board in the future. Also Ronii Diaz has resigned from the board. Joe reported that Doyle Cruz is very interested in becoming a member and will be approached to join after the city elections, in which he is running for city council.

Tour Group: Wayne reported that a group known as the New Victorians, 17 people, toured both museums and all were very complimentary. They vowed to return with friends. Sherry reported that she was at a travel expo in Houston and was able to promote the museums to a group of nurses who are very interested in touring PMMT.

Fund Raising-Devon Energy: We had requested Devon Energy to fund six oral histories and they were going to respond by the end of January, but did not. Steve and Wayne will contact them again soon.

Archival Cabinets: Wayne and Amber reported that we can purchase 3 archival cabinets (1 for large documents and 2 for smaller) for a maximum of \$8,500. Joe moved we go forward with this and Jessie seconded. The motion carried.

Snowman Exhibit: This exhibit has been taken down and removed from the building.

7-Up Exhibit: Amber and Wayne are working on this and should have most of it done by Coffee with the Mayor on February 9.

Cuero Banking Exhibit: This exhibit is on hold until Mr. Blackwell is able to continue.

Showing of Football Video: The public showing of the video was well-attended. The Chamber as well as the Education Foundation are selling copies of the DVD.

Completing the Football Exhibit: At this time the exhibit encompasses the years through 1975. It was decided to begin preparing the exhibit for the years 1976 through 2011 to complete 100 years of Cuero football. Cliff Weber will take the lead and continue the fine work of his late father, Mike Weber, and Amber and Liz will consult.

Firetruck Funding: The museum has offered to do a brochure for the fund raising event to be held sometimes next year. Cliff will also take the lead on this event to be held at the City Park and will include a barbeque and many other activities.

Spotlight Replacement: Wayne requested the board consider replacing the current CHM spots with LED spots, the same as we put in PMMT. The estimated cost is \$2,387.00 for 53 bulbs. Joe moved that we go forward with this, Jim seconded and the motion passed.

HVAC Update: The request for bids brought in five contractors interested in being considered for the job. Blueprints of the building were sent to all and one came back with an electrician to take a second look. The deadline for bids is February 20th.

Oral Histories: Steve reported that the histories with Joe and Mrs. Jamison have been completed. Mrs. Jamison is also going to provide us with some pictures of her life story. Sadly, Mr. Lucas, now in San Angelo, has opted out of being interviewed. Liz suggested interviewing Cuero's Olympic Gold Medal winner, Fred Hansen, and do this in conjunction with the Summer Olympics as well as have an exhibit featuring him. Amber suggested creating a permanent exhibit for him.

PMMT: Wayne thanked the board members who helped with the upstairs demolition in January. It was decided to try and sell the lumber from said demolition.

PMMT Doors: We have two quotes, one from Victoria Builder's Supply for \$13,901 which looks favorable. Wayne suggested we pursue getting a matching Community Service Grant from CDC using the Cuero Museums Assoc. Steve made a motion to go forward with requesting this grant, Jessie seconded and the motion carried. Wayne mentioned that we are able to furnish the actual original plans for the front doors.

Iron Lung Update: Jim has not been able to reach anyone at Warm Springs Foundation. He suggested using photos as an exhibit until we can procure an iron lung. Amber suggested using social media as a tool to find one. Jim and Joe decided to go forward with procuring photos for an exhibit. Wayne also suggested that social media could be used for fund raising efforts.

Interactions with Pharmacy Schools: Joe reported that he has some Kingsville A&M contacts he can follow up with as well as a veterinary college. There was a discussion on how to approach the colleges to have them encourage their medical students to visit.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned. Following adjournment Steve gave a rough draft of the John Ellzey presentation and explained how everything would proceed.