

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Tuesday, April 05, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Adickes. Those present were members Steve Waldrop, Joe Reuss, Jim Stokes, Kay Lewis, Cynthia Lawyer, Candy Henderson, Gerald Zengerle, Sherre Esse, Jessie Mathis, consultant Liz Heiser and Museum Manager Amber Fitts.

Approval of the minutes: Kay made a motion that the March minutes be approved. Steve seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Report: Wayne reported that we have spent 38% of our budget and remain under budget at this time. He mentioned the percentage will increase soon due to the P.O. for the PMMT doors and the expense of L.E.D. lights for CHM, but even then we will remain under budget. He also reported that the detail for all expenditures are carefully tracked and are available for perusal upon request.

HVAC Update: Jahn A/C, who won the bid, will begin work on PMMT Monday. The work is expected to take about 1 ½ weeks, at which time the work will begin on CHM. A week from this Thursday CHM will be closed to allow for certain parts of the work.

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John Ellzey Update: Steve reported that he has almost completed the typing of the letters and narration. There will also be a brochure about the program to be handed out around town prior to the program date. There was a discussion about where and when to do a dress rehearsal. It has been decided to do a grave site service after the letter program and Steve will be working with others to have the site presentable. He expects to be able to have two Texas A&M Corpsmen to stand at the door at the presentation as well as at the gravesite. Joe and Jim are working on this. Amber is going to have the program announced in the Cuero Record. Steve requested that we look for photos of the old Factory Hill area of Cuero from the 1940's, which is mentioned in one of the letters.

Archival Cabinets: The cabinets were ordered and received, but returned due to poor quality.

Butterfly Exhibit: The Mayor of Cuero wants to make Cuero a city on the Monarch Butterfly tour and she has asked CHM to have a butterfly exhibit sometime in the future. This was discussed and agreed upon.

Nielsen Reception: No date can be set until Mr. Nielsen responds.

Fred Hanson Exhibit: Liz has been attempting to contact Mr. Hanson without success.

Fire Truck Fundraising: Cliff Weber is not present to give a report.

Getting Local Schools involved with CHM: There was a discussion on how to get students involved in projects about Cuero; i.e. researching something unique about the city's history for school credit, etc. Several subjects were listed on the agenda. Wayne asked the members to reach out to anyone they may know in the educational system about this project. Sherre suggested putting something in the Cuero Record to recruit adults who may be interested in the same subjects.

Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas:

Medicinal Plant Garden: The garden is still in process. It is on hold until the A/C is completed.

Grant from CDC: We received a grant of \$6900 as a match to apply to the purchase of the front and back doors. The purchase order has gone out and we are waiting for a check from the city.

Second Floor Improvements: Docent Kim Gast's husband has volunteered to do carpentry work for PMMT such as scraping, painting and other miscellaneous things.

Iron Lung Update: Jim reported that one was for sale on Ebay for \$9000. Steve took the information and proposes to call about having it donated. Amber mentioned she will check for leads with a doctor she knows. It was suggested contacting The March of Dimes. Kay will check with the Shriner's Hospital in Galveston.

Interactions with Pharmacy Schools: Joe reported he has had no luck so far.

Old Business: Steve reported that the Mrs. Jamison interview for oral histories was complete and Board Member Joe Reuss will be the next interviewee.

Adjourn: Kay made a motion that we adjourn. Candy seconded, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Lawyer
Secretary