

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Tuesday, June 07, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Adickes. Those present were members Steve Waldrop, Joe Reuss, JoAnn Edge, Cynthia Lawyer, Kay Lewis, Gerald Zengerle, Jessie Mathis, Tony Allen, Candy Henderson, Peggy Ledbetter, consultant Liz Heiser, Museum Manager Amber Fitts and guest Irma Wilcoxon.

Approval of the minutes: The May minutes were approved pending the change to the spelling of Mr. Hansen's name ("Hansen", not "Hanson").

Financial Report: Wayne reported we were still on budget.

Budget Process: Wayne and Amber have been working on our budget for the next fiscal year. After taking into account the planning for both museums, it was decided to ask the city for a bigger budget but to be ready to make cuts if necessary. The first pass at the budget to the city is due Thursday.

HVAC Update: The new HVACs for both buildings are complete and working well.

New Board Member: Doyle Cruz is still interested in becoming a board member and it was agreed to offer the position to him.

Cuero Heritage Museum:

Coffee With the Mayor: The coffee for May was held at CHM and was well attended.

John Ellzey Report: Kudos were given to Steve on the outstanding John Ellzey presentation given on May 21st. Other board members' help with set-up, take-down and presenting was also recognized. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Liz took photos and the link for viewing these will be forwarded to the board members and the Ellzey family.

Archival Cabinets: The cabinets are in place and ready for use. Two more cabinets of a different style have also been received. Tony suggested another type that would have a vacuum seal for storage of Turkey Trot costumes; Wayne agreed to check on these.

Fred Hansen Exhibit: Liz interviewed Mr. Hansen last week and obtained some photos. She will travel to his home in Houston next week to pick up trophies and other memorabilia. The exhibit is slated for late July with a reception to be held on August 4th. Tony suggested looking in newspaper archives for a photo of the Fred Hansen billboard which was erected after Mr. Hansen won the gold medal for pole vault in the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

Fire Truck: Cliff Weber was not present to give a report on the fundraising, but Wayne reported that the title transfer is still in process.

Butterfly Exhibit: The exhibit for CHM will be done by Cuero school children in the fall.

World War II Poster Exhibit: This exhibit was already booked for 2017; Amber will try to book it for Veteran's Day 2018. A discussion was held on obtaining the Vietnam traveling exhibit in the future.

Reamer Convention: Wayne reported on attending the reamer convention and the fact that he made some more acquisitions. He also mentioned that several other attendees made known their interest in donating their collections to CHM in the future. They also voted to have the 2017

Reamer Convention in Cuero at the Park Clubhouse. There was a discussion on hosting the convention and providing suggestions for day trips.

Museum Space Planning: Amber passed out a diagram for suggested changes to the lobby which included putting her desk by the front door so she could greet visitors. Currently there is no one to greet visitors to the museum. The board agreed to go forward with these suggestions.

Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas:

Second Floor Improvements: A tentative date for prepping and painting the second floor was set for some time in July. Volunteers are urgently needed.

Second Floor Visitors: It was reported that the second floor is open to visitors as long as accompanied by a docent.

Front and Back Doors: Still waiting for an installation date. PMMT will be closed during the installation.

Iron Lung Update: Jim Stokes was not present to give a report.

Texas A&M Veterinary Exhibit: Joe reported that he spoke to a representative last week and was assured that we would have something to look at next week.

Old Business: Joe is anxious to get the dental equipment into the dental rooms of PMMT, which are ready and waiting. He suggested contacting a moving company to move them due to the fact that they are very heavy and cumbersome.

Steve and Jesse discussed doing some oral histories in conjunction with the Daule Reunion on and around June 25.

Adjourn: Steve moved we adjourn, Joe seconded, and we were adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Lawyer
Secretary