

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Tuesday, October 04, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Joe Reuss. Those present were members Cynthia Lawyer, Kay Lewis, Candy Henderson, Peggy Ledbetter, Jessie Mathis, Tony Allen, Doyle Cruz, Gerald Zengerle, Cliff Weber and Museum Manager Amber Fitts.

Joe informed us that both Chairman Wayne Adickes and co-chairman Steve Waldrop are absent due to back ailments. Wayne is recuperating from surgery and Steve is soon to have surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Approval of the minutes: Tony moved to approve the September minutes. Kay seconded the motion and it passed.

Financial Report: A summary of the final financial report (draft) of the fiscal year was passed out to those present. Amber explained that we were under budget with money left to roll over to the next year. Jessie moved to accept the financial report. Kay seconded the motion and it passed.

Nomination for Award: Joe announced that CHM/PMMT has been nominated by Congressman Vela for an award given by the National Institute of Library and Museum Services. There was an application to fill out which Wayne did. If we are able to secure this award it would be very advantageous in terms of exposure and public relations.

Bylaws: A copy of new bylaws was passed out to members as well as having been mailed prior to today. Tony moved we accept the bylaws as written. Jesse seconded the motion and it passed.

Donations: Cuero resident Dee Henneke has offered to donate her extensive collection of Japanese porcelains to CHM. Joe reported that if we accepted there would be no restrictions on the collection; we would have the right to exhibit all or portions of the collection as well as sell all or portions, as we see fit. At this time there is no appraisal value on the collection. Cliff asked about insuring it. Amber said the city would probably add it to their insurance. Doyle moved that we accept this generous donation of Japanese porcelains. Tony seconded the motion and it passed.

Chairman Wayne Adickes has offered to donate his numerous collections to CHM. There are thirteen separate collections as well as five types of miscellaneous accumulations. (See attached list.) As above, there are no restrictions on the donations, except that Wayne mentioned he would like to do it over a period of time. Tony moved to accept this generous donation of many collections. Doyle seconded the motion and it passed.

Fire Truck Fund Raising: Cliff reported that although he hasn't taken any action, he has some ideas about raising funds. One is to do a mail-out to residents of the area with donation requests. Another is to have an event such as a Bar-B-Que, with contests and an auction. One idea is to let people "adopt" a part of the truck for restoration and later have a plaque with their names and the part of the truck they sponsored.

Cuero Heritage Museum:

Genealogy Room: Genealogy material is still slated to be moved to CHM from the Cuero Library. Amber reported that the city would furnish the room with fiche readers as well as other tools with which to do research.

Pilot Club: The Pilot Club will be using CHM for their 125th Anniversary Exhibit. The club will begin to set up their exhibit on October 14.

World War I Centennial Exhibit: This is still slated for April 2017. Amber is in hopes we can obtain a few monetary donations to help with the cost of obtaining artifacts for the exhibit.

Furniture and Exhibit Cases: Amber reported that we have two quotes for new exhibit cases. She imparted to us her ideas on how to use them to expand the Juice Reamer exhibit.

Sprucing Up the Interior: There was a discussion on how to use the extra room after the Chamber moves out. Doyle expressed an interest in volunteering as a docent. Tony suggested a small gift shop in which to sell duplicate artifacts.

Future Exhibits: Laura Marshall Art or Cuero Women who Have Made a Difference during Jan-Mar 2017. Tony suggested that we publish a calendar of our upcoming exhibits for a year or more in advance, in order to take advantage of tours, etc.

Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas:

Bloxsom Oxygen Air Lock: Joe gave a talk about the origins and uses of the Air Lock for babies. We are still hoping to have the donor, Ms. Parrish, here for a reception of sorts; perhaps during Coffee With the Mayor in November, to be held at CHM.

Repair and Painting Upstairs: Painting still to be done and volunteers are needed.

Iron Lung Update: Nothing new on this. Search is still in progress.

Texas A&M Veterinary Exhibit: Still waiting for A&M to send something.

Old Business: Still need to finish dental rooms.

New Business: Amber reported that the Traveling Viet Nam Memorial Wall is available on February 9 through 12. The cost to host the wall is \$7500. There was a discussion about getting other organizations to help with the cost, such as VFW and the city. Gerald moved that we support all efforts to get the Memorial to Cuero. Tony seconded and the motion passed.

Amber reported that the Chamber's Fun at Five gathering will be held at CHM on October 18th.

Amber passed around a sample of a name tag and mentioned she would like members to have one to wear at museum functions and receptions. It was generally agreed to do this.

Amber asked for a vote to donate our large conference table to the Fire Department and make our meeting room an exhibit area. This will mean our board meetings will need to be held at a different location. Gerald moved that we donate the table to the Fire Department. Cliff seconded and the motion passed.

Adjourn: Jessie moved that we adjourn the meeting. Cynthia seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Lawyer
Secretary