

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Tuesday, December 06, 2016

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

Doyle moved that we approve the November minutes. Joe seconded and the motion passed.

No financial report was available from the city.

Dee Henneke Porcelain Donation: No new information.

Wayne Adickes Donations: Wayne requested volunteers to help him catalogue his donations. Doyle and Joe volunteered to do this sometime in January.

Fund Raising: Wayne will call GVEC to get a reason why they turned down our grant application.

There is no report on the fire truck fundraiser. It was agreed that unless something starts soon, the effort will have to be abandoned.

Steve and Wayne reported that they will begin research and applications for grants to various local corporations such as H.E.B., LCRA, GBRA, banks, Walmart as well as national organizations.

Christmas Downtown: Amber called for volunteers to work each museum on Friday and Saturday during this celebration, which begins this week. Liz, Doyle, Joe, Gerald, Wayne and maybe Steve have volunteered. Sherre also mentioned that a bus tour would be arriving on Friday at 4:30 and Kay will be assisting these visitors.

Docents: Wayne has asked once again for members to encourage friends and acquaintances to become docents. We need people for 5 hours a day, once a week.

Cuero Heritage Museum:

Genealogy Room: The Library is expected to move into temporary quarters the first part of January so renovations can begin. This is when we expect the genealogy information to be moved to the kitchen area of CHM. Before that can happen, a wall needs to be repaired and painted and the city needs to okay an internet connection.

Vietnam Memorial Wall: The Wall will be on exhibit at the City Park from February 9 through 12. A large number of volunteers are needed to be there in shifts, day and night, five people per shift. Member Tony Allen is contacting members of the VFW. Amber passed out volunteer forms. Doyle will talk to the Yorktown Vietnam Veterans group whose next meeting is December 13.

Furniture and Exhibit Cases: A new case for under the stairway should be arriving any day. This will house the reamers in the lobby and that case can be used for something else. The Federal Building Construction exhibit will be moved from under the stairs to a new location.

Future Exhibits: Laura May Marshall Art in January

World War I Centennial (April)

New Turkey Trot Exhibit in the current meeting room. The conference table was donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas:

Bloxsom Oxygen Air Lock: Coffee With The Mayor at PMMT with the Air Lock donar Ms. Kim Parrish in attendance was a great success. There was a nice write-up with photos on the front page of the Cuero Record.

Repair and Painting Upstairs: Amber and Wayne were finally successful in finding someone to finish repairing and painting the upstairs.

Iron Lung Update: No new information.

Traveling Exhibit: Wayne is working on “A Museum in a Suitcase”.

Old Business: Steve reported on the Veteran’s Tribute to be held in 2017. Mr. Cecil Newman, Jr. will be the honoree. Steve is in contact with the family and is gathering information. He mentioned he may need volunteers to help read and sort through all the memorabilia and Kay and Joe volunteered.

New Business: Doyle asked about the possibility of charging a small entry fee at the museums. Wayne explained that in previous discussions about this it was decided that the small fee to be charged would be no more than what we get in donations and could discourage families from visiting.

Steve brought up the fact that the museums do not get enough publicity and suggested we designate someone to contact the paper(s) and do follow-up. Gerald mentioned that in his experience with the Cuero paper, those who wrote their own news releases/articles and sent it to the paper had a better chance of getting it published. Liz volunteered to be our publicity person and would start with a release about the Christmas exhibit.

The meeting was adjourned at about 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Lawyer
Secretary