

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Tuesday, November 07, 2017

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

The October minutes were approved with one change (pg. 2 “with help with” should be “will help with”).

Financials: The financial report from the city has a new format which still needs some explanation. However, Wayne reported that our Fiscal Year ended with the museums having \$10-\$12K in the black, which rolls over to the new year. Wayne reported that insurance has paid \$6637 for hurricane damage: \$4478 for CHM and \$2159 for PMMT.

Docent Status: We have received nine applications for the vacant paid docent position. Wayne and Amber have selected four people for interviews. Amber, Wayne and Sherry will conduct the interviews.

Membership Drive: Liz presented rough drafts of the newsletter, prospective member letter and membership form.

Storage Problems: Wayne reported that the city building we have been using for storage (old Coca Cola building) has had a roof leak for some time, resulting in some storage bins being affected, but not ruining anything. It is imperative that we find suitable storage of at least 400 sq. feet as soon as possible. There was a discussion about using the Lancaster building on Sarah Street.

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Newman Video: Steve reported that the program is complete and ready for presentation this Saturday, Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, with a graveside service at 3:30. Joe L. reminded us that the Historical Society will host a lecture on “World War I in DeWitt County” at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, to be given by Dr. Richard McCaslin from the University of North Texas. Joe L. also informed us that Filemon Vela, Jr., U.S. Representative of the 34th Congressional District of Texas, will be in attendance for the Newman program.

Mexican Heritage Christmas: Amber reported that the WW I exhibit will be up one more week, then the meeting room will be cleared and readied for a Mexican Heritage Christmas exhibit. Amber has many ideas for this and is anxious to get started.

Turkey Trot Room: Amber has continued to update the Turkey Trot Exhibit space to replicate a Turkish palace and much progress has been made. All the costumes are on display and the ceiling has been decorated with netting and lights which gives off a beautiful hue.

Henneke Donation: Wayne reported that the Japanese porcelain collection has been received, comprised of at least 800 pieces. It was agreed that we would not be able to exhibit the whole collection at one time, but in mid-January or so, as much as possible would be exhibited in the meeting room as well as a few other places in CHM.

Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas:

Iron Lung Update: Wayne reported that there was a small hurdle to getting the Lung shipped due to a dispute between two TIRR entities about which one owned it. This was settled and Wayne is expecting a quote on the shipping price today. Once the quote is received, a purchase order can be requested and the Lung will be on its way. Steve also reported that along with the Lung, we would be receiving some DVDs from TIRR on their participation regarding polio in the 1930's and 40's.

Upstairs Reno: Joe R reported that the reno has come a long way, although not complete. Almost every room has been painted. Flooring still needs to be decided upon.

Additional Dental Donations: Dr. Peavy donated a framed exhibit of ancient dental tools. There was a discussion on how to get the dental chair from the old dental office on Main Street to PMMT, and then how to arrange the dental office exhibit.

Old Business: Joe R reported that Wayne and docent Julie Buenger are doing a digital photo inventory of Joe's donations to PMMT for insurance purposes.

New Business: Steve brought up the fact that we needed to decide if we were going to do another veteran's program next year, and if so, which war and person. There was a short discussion and it was decided to do WW I in 2018 since that is the 100th anniversary of the end of that war. We will feature the Bohne family who lost several members.

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Lawyer
Secretary