

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Tuesday, December 05, 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, Gerald Zengerle, Jessie Mathis, Doyle Cruz and Museum Manager Amber Fitts.

Gerry moved to approve the November minutes. Doyle seconded the motion and it passed.

Financials: No report. The city has not yet provided a financial report.

Letters: Wayne read two thank-you letters to the board. One was received from Kathy Brown who is a relative of Cecil Newman, the veteran we honored on November 11 with Steve's excellent video. The other was for the flowers we sent to the funeral of Don Albrecht, a former board member, who recently passed away. Wayne also mentioned that the mayor complimented and thanked him for a talk about Turkey Trot history which he gave at the Mayor's Dinner recently.

Future Meeting Location: It was proposed that we begin meeting in the new Library Meeting Room in order to use the current meeting space for exhibits. Steve moved that we start using the Library, Doyle seconded and the motion passed. The February meeting will take place at the Library.

Docent Status: Wayne reported that we have hired a new docent, Annie Helmuth.

Membership Drive: Liz Heiser, membership chairman, was not present to give a report.

January Meeting: It was decided not to have a January 2018 meeting since the meeting day fell on January 02.

December Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to man CHM and PMMT this weekend during Cuero's Christmas Downtown celebration Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night. Amber passed around a volunteer sheet for members to sign up for a time slot.

Storage: Wayne reported that the City Manager Raymie Zella recommended that we not use the building on Sarah Street because it was not secure. He still recommends the Coca-Cola storage building (behind Texas Farm Bureau), where there are secure and dry rooms. Negotiations are on-going with Chief Of Police Lewis, since this is also a storage place for the police department.

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Exhibit Space: Now that we have decided to meet in the Library, the exhibit space problem is solved for the time being.

Newman Video: Steve and Wayne reported that there were many accolades for the Veterans Day Newman presentation and it was extremely well-received, especially by the family. Steve also reported that \$175 in donations were made toward future presentations.

Mexican Heritage Christmas: The Mexican Heritage Christmas displays are up. A colorful Christmas tree is in the lobby and many other cultural displays, including manger scenes and folktales, are exhibited. Amber will soon put ads on-line and request coverage in the Cuero Record.

Henneke Exhibit: Still slated for mid-January with a reception and publicity in the Record.

Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas:

Iron Lung Update: Wayne reported that he is still working on the delivery, but it is imminent for mid-January. Kudos were given to Steve and Jim for their persistence over the years in trying to locate an iron lung and continuing to follow up on every meager lead. Also thanks was given to Guy for procuring from the Rotary Club the fee for having the Lung moved to PMMT. The exhibit for the Iron Lung will include a display of the Rotary's contribution to the eradication of polio. This has all been a years-long process which has finally come to fruition.

Upstairs Reno: Joe reported that quotes are being sought for the electrical work; i.e. numerous outlets to be added. Wayne reported that the Cuero Community Foundation (formerly Cuero Industrial Foundation) provides community service grants, and he will pursue getting a grant to pay for the electrical work. Amber reported that ceiling fans for PMMT have been ordered and are due to be delivered in a few days. One fan will be positioned below the skylight over the stairwell in order to prevent all the warm air from rising through the stairwell and into the second floor.

Christmas Windows: The two windows have been decorated. One with antique toys and the other with pharmacy snow globes.

Old Business: The veteran program for 2018 was again discussed. Steve has contacted the Bohne family and learned that the artifacts associated with the family members who served in WWI were no longer available. A discussion was held on the possibility of honoring the Crane family, or perhaps several families.

New Business: Wayne announced that Steve would be resigning as a board member in order to pursue business with other museums. However, he will still be attending our meetings as a volunteer consultant. And, in fact, he is working with a friend of his that may fund a media room for CHM that would house a touch-screen monitor on which there would be easy access to many historical videos. There is a wide variety of topics that could be covered in this realm.

The meeting was adjourned at about 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Lawyer
Secretary