

## CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

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

Tuesday, July 03, 2018

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Adickes. Those present were members Jessie Mathis, the Reverend A. L. Taylor, Joe L. Sheppard, Joe Reuss, Candy Henderson, Cynthia Lawyer, Guy Dolan, Jim Stokes, Sherry Esse, Peggy Ledbetter, consultant Steve Waldrop and museum manager Amber Fitts.

The members enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches provided by Wayne.

*Minutes:* Candy moved that the minutes for June be accepted. Jessie seconded the motion and it passed.

*Financials:* The city did not have the financial report ready, but Wayne mentioned that we are still on budget.

*Election of new Board Chair:* The floor was open for nominations for a new Chairman of the Board. Wayne announced last month that he was retiring from Chairman effective October 1. Guy Dolan was nominated and the board elected him as the new Chairman.

*Budget:* The city is in the process of preparing their new budget and the city manager recommended that the museum be given an increase. Wayne reported that we have submitted a proposal for a larger budget than last year. The hotel/motel taxes are increasing for the city, which spells an increase for the museum. On July 9 Wayne will present to the city council our justification for an increase to our portion of the hotel/motel tax.

*Fundraising:* Amber presented the raffle tickets for the Polly Howerton painting. Members were each given a block of tickets to sell. The tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be on October 12, 2018 at noon.

### **Cuero Heritage Museum:**

*World War I Presentation Update:* Steve reported that he has the first and last draft segments done and is working on scripts. He expects to have the bulk of the presentation completed by the August meeting. The presentation committee will meet after today's board meeting.

*Exhibits:* The Howerton/Sawyers exhibit will remain up for about two more months. The next exhibit will be mechanical banks. Wayne reported that CHM now owns over 100 banks and recalled how popular the exhibit was when displayed several years ago. Mechanical banks originated when banks began having them made to encourage children to save. There was a discussion about having the next CofC "Fun After 5" meeting at CHM during this exhibit. Sherry reported that the next one of those meetings would be in October.

Scheduled for 2019: an exhibit highlighting the Kleberg family of Cuero and their connection to the famous King Ranch in south Texas.

*Painting of Lobby:* Wayne reported that chunks of paint were hanging from the ceiling of the CHM lobby. It hasn't been painted since 1972. An estimated cost of painting was put in the new budget. One bid has been solicited (not yet received) and two more will be needed.

### **Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas:**

*Iron Lung Reception:* Wayne read a letter from Mayor Post which gave congratulations and high praise for the Iron Lung exhibit and reception. The reception was well attended and the representatives of TIRR Rehabilitation seemed to enjoy themselves. Sherry mentioned that at a

meeting she attended, and ardent museum visitor told her he thought the PMMT was the best medical museum he had ever seen.

*Canopy Damage:* Amber reported that we are in the process of getting bids for repairing the canopy which was originally built in 1985. Each corner has begun to sag with rotten wood. Joe R mentioned that there is also a leak near the door.

*Dental Chair:* The chair is ready to be moved. Joe R talked to Robert Barth who will assist in the move. Amber will show the city manager the chair and the room to which it will be moved so he will be able to assemble a crew.

*Liquor Exhibit:* Wayne reported that PMMT has a number of large, labeled liquor bottles that will be displayed in one of the windows in the near future.

*New Business:* Wayne has started work on the Laboratory Exhibit for PMMT and laid out some of his ideas to the board.

Guy asked about how the docent situation was going. Wayne reported that the Texas Workforce was decreasing and increasing their hours sporadically. Amber said this week they were back to their normal hours.

Cynthia requested that Amber update the list of board members and send everyone a copy.

Peggy announced that the ground breaking for the Veteran's Park will be Friday at 10 a.m. and the Historical Commission will be selling raffle tickets for a quilt made by Cueroites.

Joe L announced that he and Jessie would be at the courthouse tomorrow at 10 a.m., the 4th of July, to read the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia Lawyer  
Secretary