

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Monday, January 13, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Joe L. Sheppard. Those present were members Joe Reuss, Emily Weatherly, Wayne Adickes, Guy Dolan, Peggy Ledbetter, Reverend A. L. Taylor, Museum Manager Amber Fitts Jones and museum consultant Liz Heiser.

Minutes: Wayne moved to accept December Minutes and Second by Guy. All in favor.

Financial Report: Wayne gave details of the budget process and how we start with hotel motel tax and use museum census to account for out of town visitors. We have an agreement with the city about getting \$79,000 in hotel motel tax per year and an amount from the city operating cost. Wayne showed the budget pages that relate to what we want line by line. After we fill the sheet out, we meet with the city manager and finance to see if we can keep that amount we are asking for. Sometimes we have to make adjustments. Next, if we need another meeting we have one. Then, a presentation is given to the city council about what was done last FY and what we plan on doing the next FY. We have a reserve fund that Wayne put aside when he was board president which is around \$100,000 and \$20,000 for fire truck restoration. Budget planning starts in June for the following FY. It is hard to get bids for capital projects due to the city taking 30 days to pay.

Board Membership: Wayne moves to remove Samantha from the board due to lack of attendance and it was second by Joe. Board voted in favor. Rest of the members remain on the board.

Election of Officers: Reverend Taylor moved to keep the same officers and it was second by Guy. The board approved.

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Updating the Gobbler Exhibit and Going Digital: Most of the 80's has been completed. We need the 1990-2000 still.

Christmas in Downtown Totals: Heritage totals 369 of which 165 where children that we handed bags of candy out to. The Pharmacy Museum totals was 411 that signed the guestbook. The totals at the Pharmacy Museum was probably a lot higher due to it being next to impossible get everyone to sign the guestbook.

Exhibit Ideas: Will be discussed next board meeting due to lack of time.

Pharmacy and Medical Museum of Texas

Update on Upstairs Renovation and Installation of Exhibits: Getting ready to move exhibits around downstairs and move more upstairs.

Custom Time Period Tile for Front Entryway: Amber will be getting ahold of Henry soon to setup the tile install.

New Business: Peggy talked about the 175 year birthday of DeWitt County that is coming up next year. Some dates set aside for this are March 26, 27, 28 of 2021. Emily stated that she nominated the Cuero Heritage Museum to the Best of the Best on the Victoria Advocate. Go vote for the museum!

Adjourn: 1:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Fitts Jones
Museum Manager