

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

12:00 – 1:30 PM, Cuero Heritage Museum

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Call to Order: Chairman Wayne Adickes called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Members present were Joe Reuss, Jim Stokes, Steve Waldrop, Donald Albright, Gerald Zengerle, Tony Allen, Cliff Weber, Sherry Esse, consultant Liz Heiser, and Museum Manager Amber Fitts.

Approval of the minutes: The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Wayne went over the contribution, sales which was more than he expected and the expenditures left from last year. He said that he is happy about the museums being part of the city and they have treated the museums well.

Hiring Docents: Our newly hired docent, Suzette Dillion is a very hard worker and we are very pleased with her. Still one docent position remains open which we hope to fill soon just waiting on a background check before hiring.

Fox News Sports Southwest Update: Jeff Powers will be providing us with footage of interviews that they did not use in the football documentary. Wayne has been addressing issues with the Education Board about the premiere with Ray Reese. Wayne was hoping to keep the museum involved with the premiere, but they did not seem so willing and said if they need help they would contact us. The board voted for the Education Board to go through Wayne if they needed any help from Liz or the museum. The documentary's first airing is scheduled for December 20, 2015 and time is unknown.

Wayne shared the thank you note from Mayor Meyer for the Flood of 98 Exhibit that was displayed in the park for the 17 Year Commemoration of the Flood. He stated the Mayor gave him a personal thank you and said that the photos really made the event special.

VFD 125th Anniversary Celebration Update: The event will be held on Sat, Nov. 7, 2015 at the Fire Station. It will start at 10 am with a parade on Main Street coming from the park to the Fire Station. There will be hotdogs, door prizes and games. The Cuero Heritage Museum will be displaying Approximately 38 old firemen photos along with other artifacts. A brochure on the history of the Fire Department will be available for the public.

HVAC For Both Buildings Update: This will be presented to the City Council this month. Even if approved, it will not be done in time for the winter months. The Pharmacy & Medical Museum will need to purchase a few electric heaters for the winter. Also, meanwhile, the Cuero Heritage Museum will need new thermostats to control the temperature. Right now there are only 3 temperatures for the building, hot, cold, or off.

Setting up next exhibit – Snowmen: This month the Snowman Exhibit will be on display from the Comiskey's. Tony said that he has a snowman cutout that we can use out front of the museum to bring the theme outside as well.

Photograph Contest: Snowmen from Cuero's Past Snows – we have an anonymous donor providing \$225 worth of prizes. 1st - \$100 2nd - \$75 3rd - \$50. Winner will be announced at the Christmas in Downtown Event and be on display within the Cuero Heritage Museum.

Digitizing Old Photographs Project: Wayne asked if we should continue to gather old photos from the community, scanning them into a computer file system and turning this into an actual project. The board voted to turn this into an actual project within the museum. Steve commented that we should sell the photos.

Nielsen Bottle Collection: This Exhibit will start in January.

John Elsey: This Exhibit will start in April.

Cuero Banking Exhibit: Not sure how soon this will happen. Bill Blackwell is gather the information on this Exhibit and has been experiencing health issue lately.

Motion detector switches for lighting: Board agreed to install in motion sensor LED lighting within the Cuero Heritage Museum.

Downstairs Lighting: Wayne invited the board to come see the new LED track lighting within the Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas, and about how beautifully it lights up the cabinets.

Fixtures from Texas Pharmaceutical Association: Gerald went there and met with them about the fixtures and pharmacy cabinet that Joe Reuss loaned to them. They stated that they will be moving soon and ask us come get them quickly. A U-Haul truck may have to be rented to transport it safely back to Cuero.

Front – CDC Matching Grant: We received one quote back on the doors from Chip, and Wayne will now be able to write for a matching grant from CDC. Liz said she will try to get us more contact information for door craftsmen since we are waiting so long for quotes from others.

Herb garden planters: They have been built and delivered. They still need to be screened in the bottom and soil. We are trying to see if Ful-O-Pep can donate the soil to fill the planters.

Gardener: Tony Mahicke said he would like to be the gardener for the herb garden.

Iron Lung Update: Rick Merek from Warm Springs in Ottine, Texas invited Jim to tour the facility to see if they have an iron lung at that location. Joe stated he would like to go as well.

Fund Raising: Conoco-Philips – Funding for Fracking Exhibit: Wayne is still working on the grant writing for this grant.

Other Old Business: Wayne said we are making a lot of progress. Steve is putting together the PowerPoint for the John Ellzey project and needs a committee to help.

New Business: Wayne said he would be willing to speak to the North Side Rotary Club in Victoria about the museums and Steve asked if he would talk about the John Ellzey Project as well.

Adjourn: 1:20 pm