

MINUTES
Shreveport Water Works Museum Governing Board
November 10, 2015

Attending: Jeff Little, Liz Swaine, Marilyn Joiner, Jim Van Hook, James Mohr, Paul Williams, Nettie Brown, Stacey Brown, Conway Link, and Dale Ward. Others present were: Wayne Waddell.

Minutes for August 10 meeting were reviewed, edited, and approved - motioned by Jeff Little, seconded by Nettie Brown.

The next meeting was set for February 1.

Dale reminded the board that a new board will be appointed by the State, but the current board members will continue to meet and take action until a new board is in place. Board members were asked if they wished to be reappointed, all were in the affirmative excepting Cathy Williamson, Gary Fox and Russell Pedro. Board members believe it is important to have a representative from the Railroad Museum on the SWWM board and suggested the possible inclusion of Dave Bland. Dale said that two additional board members are needed and asked for suggestions.

Wayne Waddell reported that there is enough state money to hire an additional worker at 24 hours per week. Right now there are no back up employees so if someone is sick or leaves there is no one to assist. Wayne stated that the SWWM also needs a director. Board member Liz Swaine suggested Marty Loschen at the Spring Street Historical Museum. He could be given more hours and take over duties at SWWM, too. Liz noted that Marty is an extremely hard worker, often making repairs and funding projects from his own pocket. Wayne also told the board there is money for supplies (requisitions must be turned in) and a full time maintenance person to be shared by the local Sec. of State museums.

There was spirited discussion about a fundraiser for the museum. Dale said that he had spoken to Joe Averett who indicated he would be willing to assist and reach out to possible donors. Marilyn suggested an event to be called 'Water, Wine and Swine', possibly for spring or fall 2016. Liz mentioned that Jason Brady, who is opening a new restaurant downtown, might be willing to do a pig roast on the property as part of the event.

Dale reported that the new website should be completed in 3-4 weeks.

The board adjourned at 6:00 pm.

By: Liz Swaine
Secretary