

Minutes for the SWWM Board Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 5 pm.

All board members were present save Jim Van Hook and Cathy Williamson. The minutes for the April 28 meeting were approved with the change of adding James Mohr to the list of attendees.

Dale reported on the status of ongoing repair work. Thomas & Parker Waterproofing Co. was awarded the contract for repointing the south pumphouse wall by the Preservation Society on October 1, and the work is now completed. State Purchasing has readvertised the chimney repair project and the contractor for that work, Gerard Chimney Co., began work on January 30. A contract has been awarded to Vermillion Painting by the Preservation Society to paint the elevated water tower.

Members held a short discussion about the verbiage to paint on the tower; what would be most visible and make the most sense. Dale mentioned that the State of Louisiana may no longer be willing to purchase paint for the project. Dale reminded board members that there is \$15,000 available that must be used for another capital project and solicited suggestions for its use. Paul wondered if the Red River Waterway Commission might be a source of additional funds, Dale responded that he had inquired and was told their mission 'didn't fit' with what we are doing.

Suggestions for use of the money included sidewalks (James Mohr), additional repointing (Dale), interior painting (Liz). James Mohr suggested that there needs to be a long-term plan identifying uses for money and plans for raising additional money.

Given the limited amount (\$15,000), the board decided to support additional repointing, which is a structural issue over an esthetic one. George Bakowski motioned, Conway Link seconded, unanimous.

Dale reported that he will get a quote on all remaining repointing needs. Wayne Waddell suggested that money in the bank be kept there until at least July, which is the point when state cuts will be known. Wayne shared that things are looking very grim for the Secretary of State's budget and museum funding as a whole. The board agreed with Wayne's warning and tabled talk of using additional dollars at present.

Jeff Little gave a progress report on the art project that will involve Shreveport Regional Arts Council (SRAC). He had a very good meeting and SRAC agreed to partner. Jeff reported that he believes more money is needed for the art award. The Preservation Society had agreed to chip in \$750, but Jeff would like to see \$1000 or more. A date must still be chosen and logistics worked out. Liz volunteered to make it a DDA/DSDC-sponsored event with the trolley, live music, etc.

Dale reported that RR Board member Russell Pedro had suffered a heart attack and was going to need a quad bypass but was suffering complications. He reported visitor traffic was up 27% in 2014. There was additional discussion on the SWWM website and the need to update it (inexpensively), how to recognize friends of the museum in order to encourage additional monetary gifts and adding Liz as an admin on the SSWM Facebook page. Stacey Brown said that someone on her staff might be able to assist with the website.

George Bakowski motioned to adjourn, all seconded.

By: Liz Swaine  
Secretary