

MINUTES
Shreveport Water Works Museum
Governing Board
November 26, 2012

SWWM Board Chairman Dale Ward called the meeting to order at 5pm with introductions of board members. All board members were present with the exception of Nettie Brown and George Bakowski.

The date of the first quarterly board meeting was chosen - Monday, Feb. 11 @ 5pm @ the SWWM

Chairman Ward called for the election of board officers for 2013, discussion ensued. Russell Pedro made the motion to elect Dale Ward-Chair, Paul Williams-Vice Chair and Liz Swaine-Secretary. The vote was unanimous.

Other positions were filled by the chair. Members of these committees are encouraged to add other members not currently on the SWWM board.

Executive Committee- Russell Pedro and James Mohr, plus board officers

Accessions/Deaccessions - Vacant until needed

Building and Grounds- Paul Williams, Russell Pedro, Gary Fox, Jeff Little

Education- Cathy Williamson, Conway Link

Nominating- Vacant until needed

Publicity- Marilyn Joiner, Liz Swaine, Stacy Brown

Committee members were reminded that committees serve a one-year term, and board officers serve two years.

The publicity committee was reminded that the Railroad Museum is ready for a grand opening. Russell passed around a draft brochure. He was asked to change 'McNeill Street Pumping Station' to 'Shreveport Water Works Museum' to maintain continuity.

Discussion turned to the maintenance needs of the site and ways to encourage the state to pay for them. Dale would like to share the concerns of the museum with Rep. Patrick Williams and Sen. Greg Tarver. Liz and Stacy volunteered to make initial contact. Liz suggested that first Dale have a list of priority needs with a price tag attached as well as information showing the amount of volunteer work/\$ that has gone into the facility. She says lawmakers are more responsive to matching funds than hand-outs.

Liz/Dale will make calls to find out who did work on Holy Cross Church to get a quote on work needed at SWWM.

Gary Fox suggested that a fundraiser could raise money for the SWWM and volunteered to assist in those efforts. Discussion ensued. Decision was made to have board members contact each other via email and discuss ideas, noting that fundraisers are labor and time-intensive. Liz suggested that a good way to make money is to make SWWM a rental facility for parties and receptions, noting that both the Barnwell Center and Municipal Auditorium will be closed for

most of 2013 and people will be searching for alternate locations for events. Liz and Marilyn will work on this angle.

Discussion about leveling the floor of the ozone room.

Dale reported to the board that SWWM is running on 100% volunteers on Tuesdays and Saturdays, plus a state-funded part-time employee runs the museum Wednesday – Friday. He has gotten no updated information from the state, re: museum budget.

A motion to adjourn was made by Russell Pedro at 6pm, Gary Fox seconded, unanimous.