

MINUTES
Shreveport Water Works Museum
Governing Board
February 11, 2013

SWWM Board Chairman Dale Ward called the meeting to order at 5pm. Board members James Mohr, Marilyn Joiner and Stacey Brown were absent. The minutes from the 11-27-12 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Jeff Little and a second by Liz Swaine, unanimous.

The date of the next board meeting has been set for Monday, May 6, 2013 @ 5pm at the SWWM.

Dale Ward presented a short recap of the last meeting and the action items from it, including making contact with key legislators including State Rep. Patrick Williams and State Sen. Greg Tarver, ongoing maintenance needs, and a project idea list.

Under Maintenance Needs, discussion centered on the need for mortar work and repainting, two items considered high priority. Contact has been made with a painter and a waterproofing company to determine cost. There has been no follow-up response from the waterproofing company, Thomas and Parker.

- The city has offered to do the work on breaking up the concrete in the Ozone Room, potentially saving SWWM \$1,000 that would have otherwise had to be paid for this job.
- Dale discussed the good response of the Community Foundation of North Louisiana to a tour of the SWWM, however, their next funding cycle begins in late 2013 for summer 2014.
- Liz offered to contact State Rep Patrick Williams and State Sen. Greg Tarver to talk to them about SWWM.

Liz talked to the board about the upcoming Hidden History Tour: Downtown Railroading Past on Saturday, May 11 from noon-4pm. This tour will end at SWWM and the Railroad Museum, so it will be a good opportunity to: 1.) introduce new people to SWWM, 2.) sell stuff to make money. There will need to be additional volunteers present that day to handle the expected crowd.

Visitation numbers were discussed. Visitation was on a record track in 2012 until October. In December, visitors fell off dramatically.

Conway Link talked about his desire to hold a steam engine show at the Museum- all were supportive of this.

Liz mentioned again the opportunity for events at the SWWM given the closing of Barnwell and Municipal for the year. Liz talked about what other downtown venues charged, the need for insurance, etc.

A motion was made to adjourn by George Bakowski, seconded by Nettie Brown, all approved.

Secretary, Liz Swaine