

The Governing Board of the Spring Street Historical Museum met at the museum on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at twelve noon with Susan Hardtner presiding. Members present were Vivian Andrews, Stacy Brown, Susan Cage, Judy Chidlow, Pearla Despot, Elizabeth Ersoff, Gary Joiner, Conway Link, Liz Swain, Shelita Cannon-Hoey, Robert Crawford, Carolyn Spaht Gonzalez and Charlotte Walter. Also present were Wayne Waddell, Museum Division Director for North Louisiana, Marty Loschen, Museum Director and Lissa Grounsell, Historian for the Shreveport Dames.

Copies of the minutes for the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were circulated. Charlotte moved they be accepted as written. Vivian seconded the motion and it was passed.

For the benefit of new members, Susan briefly reviewed the history of the Museum.

Wayne discussed the makeup and duties of the boards. The Governing Board sets policy, oversees accessions and de-accessions to the collection and, when necessary, appoints special committees. The "Friends" Board is the financial arm of the Museum. All donations, monetary or otherwise, should go through this board so that efforts may be coordinated.

The Legislature has restored the Museum's budget to its original sum of \$18,600.00. This is far short of the need but may be adjustable. When the new governor takes office, all board members will be confirmed or re-confirmed by the Senate. He presented a check refunding the money provided by the Dames and the "Friends" for Marty's salary.

Charlotte stated that Larry Milford has completed his work at the Museum, ending the first phase. Items still pending include improved lighting for some areas, utilization of the costume collection, updating the children's videos, and creation of a Civil War and Reconstruction exhibit. The spring in the basement is, of course, an ongoing concern and the state and fate of the elevator must be settled.

Marty reported that attendance is about the same as last year with the busiest hours being between 10:00a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Two "Questers" groups have toured the Museum and offered donations totaling \$2,100.00.

Susan Cage explained the functions of the Friends of the Spring Street Museum in support of the Museum. Their two major fundraisers are the "Tablescapes" luncheon held in odd years and the lecture series held in the even years. The last lecture series earned \$7,000.00 and this year's "Tablescapes" about the same amount. They have collected \$480.00 in dues and received \$7,000.00 from the "Give for Good" event. She urged the board to become members.

Lissa presented the Museum with a beautifully designed album detailing the remodeling of the building. She asked for any additions from board members.

Pearla called attention to Gary's new book, Shreveport's Historic Oakland Cemetery. His co-author is Cheryl White, also a professor at LSUS. The price is \$20.00 and proceeds go to the Oakland Cemetery Restoration Fund.

Liz pointed out that our web page desperately needs reworking.

Respectfully submitted

Pearla Despot      Recording Secretary