

The Governing Board of the Spring Street Historical Museum met at noon on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the museum with Susan Hardtner, chairman, presiding. Members present were Vivian Andrews, Beth Ersoff, Conway Link, Gary Joiner, Neil Johnson, Judy Chidlow, Susan Cage, Robert Crawford, Shelitah Cannon-Hoey, Tracy Pressly, Pearla Despot and Melissa Small, sitting in for Stacy Brown. Also present were Wayne Waddell, Museum Division Director for North Louisiana, and Marty Loschen, curator of the museum.

The minutes for the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were read and approved as written.

The chairman circulated copies of State Senate Bill #248, proposed by Senator LaFleur. It reverses the present law under which the SSHM, along with others, is owned and supported by the state. Senator Barrow Peacock has been asked to find a way to kill it. Wayne said that Barbara Norton is introducing a bill to exempt the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum and the Old State Capitol from Bill #248 and we could ask her to include SSHM. The board also might approach Mayor Tyler and the Caddo Parish Commission to contact the Secretary of State on the museum's behalf.

Marty reported attendance numbers ahead of last year. We share visitors with the Tourist Bureau and the Multicultural Center. During the spring flood, the water in the basement ranged from four inches to two and a half feet deep. Marty emptied the shelves, saving that part of the collection stored there.

Jodie Glorioso has secured parking for the museum in her family's lot on Commerce Street behind our building. It is a short walk between the two.

The "Friends" sponsored a lecture at the Shreveport Club on March 3<sup>rd</sup> with Donald Frazier, professor of history at McMurry University, as speaker. Tracy reported there were ninety present and it raised \$3,000.00 for the museum.

Susan Cage urged board members to publicize our interest in "Give for Good" day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a small party at the museum that evening from 5:00 – 7:00. Vivian suggested we invite the Parish Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Pearla Despot  
Recording Secretary