

The Governing Board of the Spring Street Historical Museum met at the museum at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2016. Susan Hardtner, chairman, presided. Members present were Susan Cage, Liz Swaine, Conway Link, Tracy Pressly, Stacy Brown, Charlotte Walter, Elizabeth Ersoff, Robert Crawford, Shelitah Cannon-Hoey, Neil Johnson and Pearla Despot. Also present were Maura Pugh, president of the Shreveport Colonial Dames, Dale Ward from the Waterworks Museum and Wayne Waddell, Museum Division Director for North Louisiana.

The minutes for the meeting of March 23<sup>rd</sup> were read and approved.

Wayne stated that Mary Duraceau wanted us to be forewarned that state support of the museum will end on December 31<sup>st</sup>. A discussion followed on the possibility of leasing the building from the state.

Tracy reported that the "Friends" are negotiating with Jodie Glorioso for continued parking in her family's lot. It is seldom used by museum visitors or board members but might be needed for tours and school groups. Liz said that the building next door is being leased and the lot might be included.

The museum received \$4,100.00 from the "Give for Good" day. It is hoped there will be more donors in 2017 through "Give for Good."

The "Friends" have had green "Spring Street" T-shirts made. Maid service every other week is continuing at a cost of \$43.00. A locked donation box has been placed near the front door.

Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser visited the museum on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Marty gave him a tour and delicious refreshments were provided by Cindy Johnson, Neil's wife. We had a nice turnout of about 20 - 25.

Susan Cage invited Jeff Gauger, new executive editor of The Times, to tea at the museum. He toured the building and seemed interested in it and in other activities in Shreveport. She suggested that we invite him to any events held by other organizations.

The "Friends and Dames are discussing fund-raising projects. A Grandmother-Mother-Daughter luncheon or tea is among the proposals. Lectures seem to be popular and dates have been set for January 28 and September 20, 2017. Good speakers are needed and the board members are asked for suggestions.

The museum is exploring the possibility of applying for membership in the American Alliance of Museums. To do that, we must have a full-time director. The chairman mentioned the idea of sharing one with the Waterworks Museum. The aim would be to combine public relations, tours, school visits, etc. but with fund-raising efforts remaining separate. Liz pointed out the

groups are similarly history-oriented and dedicated to education. Stacy cautioned that there will always be fiscal challenges. Pearla moved that the chairman form a committee to meet with Waterworks board members. Stacy seconded the motion and it was passed. Robert and Charlotte will serve on the committee with Stacy as an advisor. Also, we might ask to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Lt. Governor's office. Both of these proposals will require acts of the legislature.

Liz reported that she had a conversation with Tom Schedler, Secretary of State. She gave him our thoughts on sharing a director, accreditation to the national museum organization and a move the the Lt. Governor's office. He has these items under advisement. Mr. Schedler will visit Shreveport later in September and meet with the two boards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Pearla Despot  
Recording Secretary

The following is a list provided by Marty Loschen, Museum Curator, of groups and individuals who have visited or referred others to the museum.

BPCC – Jeff Lynn bonus point program  
Shreveport Tourism Office  
LSUS Archives  
Questers (both local chapters)  
Eldorado Guide/Host  
Red River District  
Fuller Center Summer Camp  
Shape of Shreveport  
Louisiana Bankers Association  
St. Mark's School  
Fun Guide  
Scaredy Cats Ghost Hunters  
Civil War Round Table  
Bossier Parish Library/Research  
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum  
Railroad Museum

Multi-Cultural Guest Share Program  
La. Museum Passport Program  
Shreveport Historical Society  
Gary Joiner/LSUS Students  
Haunted Tours/Cheryl White LSUS  
YMCA Summer Camp  
Historic Walking Tours- Tourism Office  
Shreveport DDA – Liz Swaine  
Red River Quilters  
1st United Methodists  
Byrd High freshman leadership program  
First Baptist Springhill  
Confederate Monument Group  
Shreve Memorial Library/Research  
Shreveport Waterworks Museum  
Louisiana Welcome Center - Greenwood

Marty reports a total of 359 visitors to the museum as August 31<sup>st</sup>.