

The Governing Board of the Spring Street Historical Museum met at the museum at 12:06p.m. Friday March 6, 2015. Gary Joiner presided. Members present were Susan Cage, Beth Ersoff, Susan Hardtner, Conway Link, Neil Johnson, Liz Swaine, Charlotte Walter, Pearla Despot and Libby Siskron, president of the Shreveport Dames. A new ex-officio member will be Maura Pugh, incoming president of the Dames.

The renovations to the museum building are well along and the improvements are quite remarkable. Charlotte distributed lists of contributions made by the Shreveport Dames, the Friends of the SSHM and the State of Louisiana. She included a legislative delegation email list. Liz suggested board members contact the delegates and request that they support restoration of the Secretary of State's budget for museums, pointing out that it is a tiny portion of the state's budget.

The Secretary of State's office has decided to provide funds for 8 hours a week for one part-time employee. It will continue to pay for the utilities and insurance.

Susan Cage and Liz mentioned Donation Day on May 5th and suggested we might publicize our status as a non-profit organization needing support.

The new officers are Susan Hardtner, president, Beth Ersoff, vice-president, and Pearla Despot, recording secretary. Liz moved the slate be accepted by acclamation, Neil seconded the motion and it was passed.

On behalf of the board, Neil thanked Gary for his eight years as president.

Our "Tablescapes" entry theme is "Dinner in Paris – 1920s."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Pearla Despot
Recording Secretary