

The Governing Board of the Spring Street Historical Museum met at 1:30 p.m. at the museum on Friday, January 11, 2013 with Gary Joiner presiding. Members present were Pamela Bollinger, Judy Chidlow, Shelita Cannon-Hoey, Liz Swaine, Beth Spence, Neil Johnson, Conway Link, Pearla Despot and Libby Siskron, chairman of the Friends of the Spring Street Museum.

The minutes of the September 14th meeting were approved as written.

In November, the Helen Mann Committee of the Shreveport Colonial Dames met with Lance Harris, exhibit chairman for the Secretary of State, who said that the budget hit on the department will not affect the museum until July 1st. The permanent exhibit from the state (financed with Helen Mann Funds) is still in the works. The Dames have final approval of, and jurisdiction over, this exhibit.

The DAR has turned down the museum's grant application but Libby will re-apply, more fully describing the benefits of interactive displays and computer enhancements.

The state's "Official Elevator Inspector" has ruled our elevator "residential", not "commercial." He found two maintenance and three safety violations which must be addressed.

We have one space in the Querbes-Nelson parking lot. Liz will investigate the possibility of getting 2-hour meters in front of our building.

Our Tablescape entry is entitled "A Midnight Supper with the Shreveport Madam." The committee is Neil Johnson, chairman, Beth Ersoff and Pearla Despot. Neil has asked Kaye Reilly to help decorate. Patrick McWilliams will lend a costume for Beth, our "madam." The event will take place at East Ridge Country Club on February 28th.

Liz mentioned Downtown Development Authority projects -Hidden History, Our Railroading Past, and a paranormal tour, with ghost hunting, in June.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Pearla Despot
Recording Secretary