

The Governing Board of the Spring Street Historical Museum met at the museum Friday, June 15, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. Members present were Vivian Andrews, Stacy Brown, Shelita Cannon-Hoey, Beth Ersoff, Susan Hardtner, Neil Johnson, Conway Link, Liz Swaine, Charlotte Walter, and Susan Cage, ex-officio. Libby Siskron submitted her proxy to Gary Joiner, and Brian Homza submitted his proxy to Liz Swaine.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented. Liz Swaine made the motion to accept the minutes and Vivian Andrews seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal of the by-laws. Charlotte Walter asked for clarification about the 501(c)(3) status and the Governing Board. Charlotte Walter made the motion to accept the by-laws as presented, pending on the aforementioned clarification. Gary Joiner seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Charlotte Walter initiated a discussion regarding the height of the exhibit cases purchased by the Friends of the Spring Street Historical Museum. Susan Cage and Susan Hardtner believe they are taller than the cases they saw in the museum in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Charlotte Walter made a motion to draft a letter to the Secretary of State's office regarding the cases, pending further discussion. Susan Hardtner seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Accessions and Deaccessions Committee meeting for May was cancelled, so there is no news to report. The next meeting will be in September.

Discussion ensued regarding the new exhibit, "Honoring the Greatest Generation: World War II Military and Home Front." All present made statements reflecting their praise and approval of the content and presentation, and all applauded Monica Pels, state Curator of Collections, for her efforts in design and installation.

Susan Cage mentioned that Joann Sigler intended to write an article on the museum for the *Shreveport Times*. Her focus is on the tour for the veterans organization that will occur on July 6.

Charlotte Walter initiated a discussion on the Remember in Shreveport and Bossier When exhibit and events held at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum. She expressed her concerns that Spring Street Historical Museum was to be the Shreveport history museum, but that this exhibit suggests that this concept has been usurped. Gary Joiner added that Spring Street Historical Museum does not have the interior space or parking capabilities to handle the number of visitors attending such an exhibit. Susan Hardtner suggested a discussion of potential future cooperation.

Susan Cage announced that the state Colonial Dames intended to provide a monetary grant to all of their chapter museums. Gary Joiner added that 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force historian, Lane Callaway, had contacted him regarding a potential donation to the museum. The donation follows Monica Pels's contribution to an exhibit for the Heritage Dinner for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force; she took three vacation days at the end of May to help design and install the exhibit and received high praise from the Commander of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. The donation would be restricted to her needs for exhibits.

Discussion ensued regarding the state budget, staffing concerns, and hours of operation for the fiscal year of 2012-2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary D. Joiner