

Eddie G. Robinson Museum Commission
& Friends of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum
Board Meeting on October 11, 2012
MINUTES

Members Present:

John Belton
Wilbert Ellis
Dr. Percy Caldwell
Sailor Jackson
Ed Jones
Barbara McIntyre
Tim Bush (for Travis Napper)
Douglas Porter
Robert Clark
Eddie G. Robinson, Jr.
Emma Hallums
Ewing Collier
Doug Williams

Meeting was opened at 1130 AM, with prayer and blessing for lunch meal. Meeting was reconvened by John Belton, followed by him turning the meeting over to Coach Ellis.

Coach Ellis reminded the group the Eddie G. Robinson Museum was still number one. Several added remarks noting that the museum is #1 despite the fact that "business (economy) is down all over."

All reports were verbal and were accepted accordingly:

Both FERM General Account 2012 and FERM Charitable Gaming Account Bingo 2012 were given by Robert Clark. Written copies of Expense Reports for both accounts were distributed with a copy of the minutes from the October 20, 2011 board meeting to each member. Motion for acceptance by Caldwell, seconded by Hallums.

Donations: followed by request for Financial Report by Chairman John Belton. Mrs. Emma Hallums presented the financial report for FERM Account 2011, which was accepted. (Motioned by Jones, seconded by Jackson)

Mrs. Hallums gave a report of funds received in Donation Box (\$625); and Doris Robinson Banquet Hall (\$500); check from Barnes & Noble's Museum Store (\$1246.37). Not action required. Belton mentioned that the Store is not open all the time. Both Ellis and Moss stated that they normally respond when needed. They stated that they will continue to address the situation. It was also noted that Twin City Golf Association donated \$500 to the Museum. (Motioned by Clark, seconded by McIntyre)

Coach Ellis advised of his financial goal for the Museum Account and recommended that the group transfer monies from the Bingo Account. There was a brief period of discussion. It was recommended that \$10,000 be moved the general account. (Motioned by Sailor Jackson, seconded by Hallums)

Election of Officers: It was motioned by Sailor Jackson that we maintain the same officers for 2012-2013. The motion was seconded by Hallums. This vote was unanimous and applied to both the Commission and FERMs.

New Business: Jon Moss reported 23410 visitors since the last board meeting, three new video; and three new displays. She also reported that there are 17 volunteers with three being active and consistent. She stated that we need to look into getting a full time Director.

- Now have two student volunteers
- two academic department, Art & History are now requiring their majors to work with the Museum. They are also assisting with the design of the brochure.
- All departments encourage to use the Museum, especially athletic (sports) as a recruiting tool.
- Letters have been sent to all schools (lowest attendance Lincoln Parish) have been invited to stop by Museum.
- Misconception is that EGRM is a Football Museum.
- EGRM is one of the few Museum with signage on I-20.
- Friends Website has been updated
- State's Website has been updated with closing times and extended hours.
- EGRM was profiled in 2012 Fall edition of Louisiana Culture Vision Magazine
- Pubic needs to remember that EGRM is a State Museum housed on GSU

Campus.

- Things are going well and we addressing structure issue.
- Upcoming exhibits include those of Coach Fred Hobdy, President Jones, EGR, and Coach Wilbert Ellis.

Grambling Sports Legends (group started by Coach Doug Williams and Shack Harris) has mounted first fifty (50) photos in the west end of the EGRM. EGRM is awaiting the second group.

Belton reported that several needs have met by FOERM including the purchase of two large mats for the EGRM; the hiring of two part time person on an as needed basis; and some major landscaping improvements.

Ellis asked for a Fund Raising Committee to be formed. Robert Clark was nominated as chairman (Moved by Jackson/seconded by Moss). There was some general discussion about committee membership (Williams, Robinson, Caldwell & Ellis). Coach Williams agreed that he would be responsible for contacting possible guest speaker for an occasion (John Guten or Tony Donuge). The possible event date would be during the first week of April (4/6/2013).

He also made some general comments regarding the appearance of the EGRM ground, noting that the cost was \$2634.50. Coach Ellis' report was accepted (Motion by Clark/Seconded by Belton)

Jackson used his time to bring the group up to date on exhibit and in place items. This should be completed by mid November 2012.

Ellis thank the Family (Robinson Family, Eddie, jr. & Doris Robinson). Eddie jr. stated that he was honored to receive the trophy for the 408 Wins.

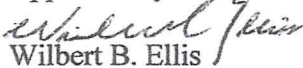
Ellis emphasized that the Doris Robinson Banquet Hall is still available. He was also very complimentary of the entire staff especially Mrs. Emma Hallums and Colonel Ewing Collier. While Ellis still had the floor the group received a "surprise visit" from Mrs. Doris Robinson. She was given a standing ovation by the group and afforded an opportunity to speak. She said "I just wanted to say hello, thanks you for your support of the ERGM."


After her departure, Ellis stated that he was happy that we are still the top museum and happy that we are a part of the EGRM success. He also highlighted the need for the Commission/FERM to meet monthly; and the need to include "PayPal" on the Website for possible donations. Before adjournment, Coach Williams was allowed to address the group. He thank the group for support and stated that "we are going do it the way we do it; there are no excuses at the end of the day; and eight (8) years 50% Championship years."

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm (Motion Jackson/Seconded Hallums)

Minutes were Recorded by Lt. Col. Ewing Collier

Approved by _____


Wilbert B. Ellis
President


John Belton
Vice President