**Governing Board Meeting Minutes:**

**April 11, 2019**

Wayne Waddell reported that LSEM had over 7,188 visitors since the February 14, 2019 Board meeting**.**

Nell Shehee asked for a roll call: Members present; Bill Altimus, Betty Black, Michelle Cavanaugh, Ken Hickman, Richard LeBlanc, Nell Shehee, Andy Taylor, Maxine Sarpy, Jack Sibley and Evelyn Valore. Proxies from Margaret Green, Rocky Rockett, and Geoff Perego. Museum staff present: Wayne Waddell, Director, Nita Cole, Curator and Cindy Grogan, PIO and Recorder. No guests were present.

Nell Shehee asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bill Altimus made the motion, 2nd by Andy Taylor.

Members should have received an email copy of the minutes from the Feb. meeting. She asked if there were any corrections. Bill Altimus made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Jack Sibley. Minutes were accepted.

**Accession and Deaccession** no report.

**Building and grounds** no report.

**Education report**: no report

**Long Range Planning**: Ken Hickman would like continuing Long Range Planning Committee meetings to keep the plan updated and said he would schedule one for May on the first Thursday of the month and will contact anyone who would like to attend.

**State Fair**: No report.

**Friends of LSEM**: George Bakowski was not present but Wayne Waddell gave a Friends update.

**Old Business:** Nita passed out the mission statement that has been approved and updated the board on the continuing AAM accreditation process. See attached sheets.

**New Business**: There was some open discussion regarding Glitz & Grits. Since a major draw for the event did not develop at this time, and the archives building should be under construction, plans suggesting that the event be held off-site. Most members did not like this idea. Betty Black suggested a carnival type event (French sidewalk café scenes) with local artist artwork and different caterers nibbles.

**Director’s Report:** Wayne Waddell’s reported on museum events and projects,

**Feb. - April Events**

* Saturday, Mar. 2, 2019 is National History Day at the museum. We are the areas’ regional host and had 110 attending with 41 students advancing to the state competition.
* Saturday, Mar. 9, 2019 8am-8pm was the 2nd Annual Craft Beer & Bar-B-Que fest. Even with bad weather, had 600+ attending.
* Sunday, Mar. 17, 2019 2-4 pm ***Creative Art Connection*** Exhibit Opening with 114 attending.
* Saturday, March 23, 2019 5-9 pm Childs Wedding reception with 100 attending.
* Tues. & Wed. March 26th & 27th Calumet meetings in the gallery with 38 attending.

**April-June Events**

* Sunday, April 14, 2019 2-4 pm**. *Louisiana: A Paradise for Birds*** Exhibit Opening.
* Tuesday, May 7, 2019 is **Give for Good!**
* Thursday, May 9, 2019 5-7 pm ***Project Talent*** Exhibit Opening
* Saturday, May 11, 2019 Ayers Graduation 8:30 am – 12 noon in the auditorium.
* Friday, June 14, 2019 Police Academy Graduation 9am – 12 noon in the auditorium.

The Archives Building is becoming a reality. There have been numerous contractors through the museum and at a planning committee meeting. The first bid, all contractors had over bid so it goes out to bid again next week. Right before the second bid, it was realized that hardware had not been included which made the bids need to be redone. When the contract is confirmed, they will have 30 days to break ground and 9-11 months to complete the project. There was some discussion about what the building will hold and events that can be held. Also stated that Wayne’s office may become a gift shop after the new building is built. There was some discussion of what

The alligator exhibit should be finished in the next couple of weeks. It will be at the south courtyard door and will not be moveable. Charlies Bob’s ashes will be entombed in the tree stump.

Nell Shehee adjourned the meeting at 12:57

**The Next Scheduled Governing Board Meeting is July 11, 2019 at 12 noon.**