**TIOGA HERITAGE PARK & MUSEUM**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting of February 20, 2014**

The Tioga Historical Park & Museum’s board was held Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Jimmie Lewis Pat Bordelon

John DuFour Wayne Ryan

Carolyn Hataway Jeannette Downs

Melba LaCroix Betty Longino

Melvyn Bowie Mary Durusau

Donna Taylor Sandra Bracknell

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jimmie Lewis. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Motion to accept made by Jeannette Downs and seconded by John DuFour.

Mrs. Mary Durusau from the State informed us that Johnny’s Roofing and Metal Works from Shreveport has been awarded the contract for the roof. The state will pay the $13,000 deductible. The cost is $109,000 and the company has 90 days to complete the job. The roof metal will be bone white. The facer boards will be replaced and painted with the roof.

Following this, the museum needs repainting. Mrs. LaCroix will discuss options of color and grades of paint with a painting contractor.

State funding for the train restoration is needed. $70,000 is left in the capital outlay; however, money is very difficult to get from the Louisiana Legislature.

Mr. Jules Babineaux will put up a metal poster talking about the train’s history. Also, the state will install a wrought iron fence 4 ft. from the train to keep visitors from climbing on the train.

The inside model train will be moved more to the center of the building and lights installed to focus on some of the small buildings. Also the barrier around the table will be replaced with safety glass or Plexiglas.

Mrs. Durusau suggested taking out the Tioga items in the cases and instead use them for military items.

Mrs. Lewis objected saying these represent Tioga’s history and we already have many military items. Mrs. Durusau feels we should see it through the eyes of a sawmill, railroad and timber industry worker. She feels outsiders not necessarily interested in Tioga.

The shotgun house issue was again discussed. The house in question was previously owned by Mr. Colvin, a railroad worker. Mary feels we must prioritize our needs instead of moving the house.

Other items discussed:

1. Plumbing leaks at septic tank fixed.
2. Barber shop roof that was flapping in wind nailed back down.
3. Floors need varnishing.
4. Small items such as rugs at doorway can be purchased.
5. $50,000 received from Chris Hazel.
6. Grant for the shotgun house was denied by the Martin Foundation.
7. Window in caboose needs replacing.

Upcoming Events

Four baby showers

Gumbo Fundraiser

Parkview Baptist Church tour

Trade Day

Wedding reception in May

Cub Scout awards ceremony

There was no further business and a motion was made by Melvyn Bowie, seconded by Carolyn Hataway. Approval made by members present.

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Carolyn Hataway, Recording Secretary

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