

**MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE MUSEUM  
101 MONROE STREET  
MANSFIELD, LOUISIANA 71052  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013  
2:30 PM  
318-871-9978**

**Members Present: Ellen Abington, Beverly Bedsole, Beverly Bruce, Riemer Calhoun, John Freeman, Carolyn Huckabay, Johnny McFerren, Raymond Powell, Judson Rives, Jeannie Rogers and Sandy Spaulding**

**Members Excused: Britney Green**

**Guests: Marcia Calhoun – Friends of the Mansfield Female College Museum**

**Staff: Barbara Valentine**

**The State Governing Board of the Mansfield Female College Museum (MFCM) met in session with eleven of the twelve board members present. The meeting was held at the MFCM for its regular quarterly meeting Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 2:30PM.**

**Mr. Raymond Powell, President, called the meeting to order, Mr. Judson Rives led in prayer and Mr. John Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**The minutes of the previous board meeting, July 11, 2013 were reviewed by the board. Mr. Rives made the motion to approve the minutes as printed. Ms. Jeannie Rogers seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.**

**Mr. Wayne Waddell, Director of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum in Shreveport, was to attend the meeting to report on the progress of the construction on the museum. Since Mr. Waddell was unable to attend due to another meeting he asked Mrs. Barbara Valentine to give an update for him. Ms. Valentine reported that the project should be 85% completed by October 18, 2013. Work should be started on the back porch by then in order to make it an entrance to the museum. Another contractor has been hired to do the work on the porch as the current contractor refused that part of the project. Mr. John Freeman asked if having to get another contractor was going to make the museum in need of more money for the project. Mr. Waddell has assured the board that the money was there to continue the project.**

**Ms. Valentine also reported that Annie Anderson from KMSS TV Station came Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and did a story on the MFCM. It will air Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9PM. She also gave her the director's card to call and get a date to do a story on the Clista A. Calhoun Center since it was originally part of the Mansfield Female College.**

**An open house is planned by the board for Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. The Friends of the MFCM have offered to decorate the museum and the DeSoto Parish Chamber of**

Commerce has offered to help with the refreshment. Much discussion was held concerning this project. Mr. Rives will help Ms. Valentine get the decorations out of storage to be used along with fresh greenery. The decorating is scheduled to be done December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Rogers reported that she had found some records in an old log cabin that was built in 1897 on her farm. She also found an old player that could play these records. A lot of them were old gospel records from the 1800's thru the 1900's. All of these items are to be donated to the museum. Also, Ms. Valentine reported that a group from Houston, Texas are coming to the museum on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to tour the museum and bringing diplomas and other documents to donate to the museum from their ancestors that attended the Mansfield Female College.

Mrs. Carolyn Huckabay has talked recently with Ms. Mary Durusau, Business Manager for the Secretary of State's Office, about the exhibits being done where you could use your cell phone when taking a tour of the museum. They are going to see about what it will take to get the museum more up to date with our tours. Some of the exhibits that were taken out will be put back in and the need for more artifacts was discussed.

Mr. Rives reminded the board that the State still has not gotten a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement completed for the Friends of the Mansfield Female College Museum concerning the parking area around the museum and the Calhoun Center. Ms. Valentine will remind the Secretary of State's Office that we need this agreement.

Ms. Sandy Spaulding reported that the DeSoto Historical Society is getting ready to place markers up at various historical points in the parish. The first to be placed will be at the Spanish Land Grant. If anyone knows where one should be placed they are to get in touch with Ms. Edna Thornton, Director of the DeSoto Parish Tourist Bureau or the DeSoto Historical Society.

Mr. Riemer Calhoun wanted to make the board aware of all the work that Linda Vidler and Valda Barry have done to promote the Calhoun Center which also has helped bring visitors to the museum. The board plans to recognize these two ladies at the open house. So far they have raised between 10-11,000 dollars for the upcoming event in Stonewall, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Each board member was given a copy of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the current board members. They also received a copy of the meeting dates for 2014 and a copy of the program for the Texaco Country Showdown Finals in Stonewall.

Page 3 (Board Minutes Cont'd 10-10-2013)

It was discussed that the board have a Christmas get together at Ms. Beverly Bedsole's home. Ms. Bedsole and Ms. Valentine will work on this project. Ms. Bedsole recently held a fund raiser for Mr. Tom Schedler which was well attended.

Again we need to send a great big "THANK YOU" to Mrs. Evelyn Powell for always thinking of us by sending homemade cookies for all the board . She is so thoughtful and we do appreciate all she does for us.

There being no further discussion Mr. Rives mad the motion to adjourn. Ms. Rogers seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Valentine, Director

Since our next meeting will not be until January 9, 2014 I would like to personally thank each and everyone for all the support that has been given to me these last two years. Without everyone's help my work would have been very difficult. Thank you so much and my wish for all of you is a wonderful Thanksgiving and a MERRY CHRISTMAS.