**Governing Board Meeting Minutes:**

**January 11, 2018 Called to order at 12:20 p.m**

Roll Call: Members present; Margaret Green, Geoff Perego, Betty Black, Nell Shehee, Jack Sibley, Michelle Cavanaugh, Richard LeBlanc, Ken Hickman, Bill Altimus, Jud. Gayle Hamilton, and Evelyn Valore. Proxies from Rocky Rocket and Andy Taylor to Margaret Green.

No guests were present.

Margaret Green thanked everyone and said she was honored serving as the board president.

Margaret asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jack Sibley made the motion 2nd by Nell Shehee.

Members should have received an email copy of the minutes from the October meeting. She asked if there were any corrections. Ken Hickman made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Gayle Hamilton. Minutes were accepted.

**Accession and Deaccession** no report.

**Building and grounds** no report.

**Education report**: no report

**Long Range Planning**: Ken Hickman said the Long Range Planning Committee had developed a Long Range Plan and the board voted to accept the proposed plan and to re-evaluate/update the plan periodically.

**Nominating Committee**: Jack Sibley said the committee had met and proposed a new slate of officers for 2018. Nominees are: Nell Shehee for President, Jack Sibley for Vice President and Markey Pierre for Secretary. No one had any other nominees.

**State Fair**: Chris was not present but Wayne Waddell stated thatthe museum is a great educational asset to the fair; the fairs mission is education primarily agriculture. The fair has always been a good partner to the museum and appreciates the support.

**Friends**: No report. Margaret Green did give a wrap up on Glitz & Grits. The event has lost some major sponsors. And there was discussion regarding different ideas for G&G – maybe smaller yearly events, get younger crowd.

**Directors Report:** Our maintenance staff painted the boiler room with epoxy and a waterproofing paint in an effort to slow or stop ground water from seeping into the building. State funded - $1,232

A new roof will be installed above the rotunda at LSEM within the next 120 days. This is a Facility Planning project awarded to vendor Louisiana Roofing. State funded - $227,900

A new chiller and a new boiler will be installed at LSEM this spring. This is a state funded project through Facility Planning at an estimated cost of $180,000.

The KCS Marketing & Shipping of Louisiana Produce Diorama’s audio has been repaired and is now working. CSC Productions repaired the audio file and installed new audio equipment bringing the diorama back to life.

There was also some discussion regarding state budget shortages and repealing the penny state tax.

Jack Sibley called for a vote on the proposed 2018 Officers. Betty Black 2nd the election. Officers were elected. Wayne Waddell thanked Margaret Green for her dedication and years of service to the museum. He then acknowledged Nell Shehee as the new president and she conducted the rest of the meeting.

**AAM/MAP: Nita Cole** MAP is self-assessment process to help us become an accredited museum. This consists of creating 5 core documents which have been sent in and the peer reviewer is scheduled to come to the museum and evaluate the plan in mid-March. This is a process that the museum will have to renew every ten years.

Nell Shehee adjourned the meeting at 1:20

**The Next Scheduled Governing Board Meeting is for April 12, 2018 at 12 noon.**