

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes:
October 12, 2017 Called to order at 12:18 p.m**

Roll Call: Members present - Chris Giordano; Margaret Green, Geoff Perego, Markey Pierre, Mickey Prestridge, Nell Shehee, Jack Sibley, Andy Taylor, Michelle Cavanaugh, Bill Altimus, Linda Lynn and Emile Cordaro. Proxies from Ken Hickman and Rocky Rocket to Margaret Green.

Margaret Green introduced the three new members who came on in the summer. She thanked all three for serving on the board

Margaret asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mickey Prestridge made the motion 2nd by Markey Pierre.

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

Accession and Deaccession no report.

Building and grounds has not met.

Education report: no report

Long Range Planning: Ken Hickman asked Chris G. to present on behalf of the Long Range Planning committee.

- The Long Range Planning committee approved by vote and consensus the Long Range Plan.
- Presenting the plan to the board
 - This is a plan not set in stone
 - Ken recommends that the Governing Board reviews this every 6 months and that they review it and tweak it
 - To adopt it we need a resolution.
 - Resolution from the board to adopt this Long Range Planning report
 - Resolution made by Mickey P. and 2nd by Nell Shehee. Motion carries and resolution was approved.
 - Praise for Ken Hickman and the Long Range Plan that he and the committee created and he needs to be thanked for his efforts.
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Nominating Committee : Is a work in progress. The chairman does not have a full slate of officers to vote on yet.

State Fair: It is coming up at the end of the month. Chris G. stated he values the partnership with the museum. We will not have a helicopter at the museum this

year. The museum is a great educational asset to the fair; the fair's mission is education primarily agriculture. The fair has always been a good partner to the museum and appreciates the support.

Friends: Linda Lynn deferred to Margaret Green, Glitz & Grits chairperson. Glitz and Gritz is one of the preferred galas events in Shreveport that people want to come to. It was a relaxed evening/apologies Wayne could not be there because of his surgery.

The star was Chef John Folse. He walked around he shook hands, signed books; the screens were a good idea. We do have more cookbooks here [from Folse] the books are very large. They are wonderful lots of info in them and it is conversation piece; coffee table piece; they are all signed. We also have the aprons, towels, and pot holders.

Directors Report: We have been doing things around the museum. There are new fleur de lis on the back gates. The boiler room is being painted now. The state has requested bids on a new boiler and we'll also get a new chiller for about \$700,000-that funding is coming from Facility Planning. Friends last board meeting they approved funding for wifi.

There was some discussion on the new archives building: talk about capitol outlay and the process towards getting projects funded.

AAM/MAP: There was a meeting at 11 this morning. This self-assessment process is to help us become an accredited museum. This consists of creating 5 core documents. AAM provides us with a workbook to guide the board and the paperwork is due in December. After that, a peer reviewer will be scheduled to come to the museum and evaluate the plan. This will make us nationally accredited and step up the museum. It is a process that the museum will have to renew every ten years.

- The Greening is November 30th at the museum encourage to come out.
- Louisiana Society of Animal Artists Exhibit opening on Oct. 22, 2017 from 2-4.
- State Fair is Oct. 26-Nov 12th, The museum will be open 12 noon to 6 pm during State Fair weekends.

Margaret Green thanked the board members for their service. A lot has been accomplished the last several years with the Governing board and the Friends board.

Thanks to everyone again for all the work they have done.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22