

**REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum
Thursday, October 13, 2016**

LSEM had over 23,301 visitors since the April 14, 2016 Governing Board meeting.

Margaret Green called the meeting to order at 12:10 noon.

Jack Sibley called roll.

Members present: LSEM staff present– Marcia Calhoun, Margaret Green, Richard LeBlanc, Geoff Perego, Mickey Prestridge, Markey Pierre, Maxine Sarpy, Nell Shehee, Jack Sibley and Evelyn Valore. Wayne Waddell, Director, and Cindy Grogan PIO.rr

Mickey Prestridge made a motion to approve proposed agenda by, 2nd by Richard LeBlanc. Motion to approve minutes of the last meeting by Markey Pierre and 2nd by Jack Sibley. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports: - no report

Executive Committee: no report

Accession and De-accession Committee: no report

Building and Grounds: no report

Education Committee: no report.

Long Range Planning: no report.

Nominating committee: no report.

State Fair Report: Chris was busy with the opening of the State Fair. The Fair will be open on Tuesdays, so it is now open 6 days a week. Wayne stated that the museum will be open from 12 noon to 6 pm on Saturday and Sundays during the fair.

Friends Report: Mickey Prestridge stated that Margaret Green was heading the 2017 G&G. G&G is trying to pick a September date without a LSU home football game. Some discussion about Friday or Saturday night preference. Chef John Folse is to have cooking demonstrations and maybe cater the event. Also looking into having Bruce Odell, the potter come back and maybe CC Lockwood, the photographer in the gallery.

Mickey also stated that the Friends are looking to replace 1 board member vacancy for next year.

Director's Report: Director Wayne Waddell reported that we have 361 memberships for 2016.

Events:

- Community Foundation Annual Membership Meeting Tuesday, April 26, 2016 4-5:30 pm in the auditorium with 225 attending.
- Give for Good – Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 from 4:30 -7:00 pm with about 80 attending.
- Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 8:30 – 11:30 am Ayers Business College Graduation in the auditorium always has about 375 people attending.
- Saturday, June 4, 2016 Goddess of Beauty Pageant from 6 pm – 8:30 pm in the auditorium with 150 attendees.
- Sunday, June 12, 2016 2-4 pm Dave Ivey’s Studio of Artists Exhibit Opening Reception was a huge success with over 300 people attending.
- Sunday, July 10, 2016 Caddo Art Educators opening reception had over 200 visitors.
- Thursday, July 14, 2016 Rep. Jenkins & Dr. Gee with the DHH had a Medical/Insurance Public Forum with a full house of 310 attending.
- Friday, July 15, 2016 the museum hosted Fair Park’s Class of ’66 50 year class reunion with 220 attendees. We have already heard from the alumni about this being a perfect spot and hosting future reunions.
- Saturday, August 6, 2016 there was a private birthday party with about 100 attendees.
- Sunday, August 7, 2016 was the 95th Annual Shreveport Art Club exhibit reception with approximately 300 visitors and lots of our board members attending.
- We toured 34 summer camps and day care groups during June & July.
- Thursday, August 25, 2016 - Election classes held in auditorium with over 400 attending. There will be another class on November 2, 2016.
- Thursday, September 8, 2016 – Diamond Bus tour – 38 on board.
- Saturday, September 24, 2016 6:30 – 10 pm Michael Garvin Concert was postponed.

Future Events

- Sunday, October 16, 2016 2-4 pm Ancient Mounds – archaeology program.
- Thursday, October 27 – November 13th LA State Fair – The museum is open weekends during the fair 12 – 6 pm.
- Thursday, November 17, 2016 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm ONS Medical Forum.
- Sunday, November 20, 2016 2-4 pm Faces & Feathers Exhibit Opening.
- Thursday, December 1, 2016 will be the Greening of the Museum.
- Saturday, December 10, 2016 Ayers Graduation.
- Saturday, December 17, 2016 Victoria Williams concert

Chairman's report: Margaret stated the board was 3 members short and they would need to be replaced. There was also some open discussion regarding the state cuts and budget shortfalls.

Also the state is proposing that some of the smaller museums to be taken over by the local groups in their respective communities. Like Spring Street may go back to the Dames owning the building and running the museum and Water Works would revert to the City of Shreveport.

New business: Wayne talked about the Secretary of State wanting LSEM to become AMA accredited. This is a year-long+ process in getting plans and procedures in place as per AMA guidelines but will help the museum's standing. The museum is still a Smithsonian Affiliate.

Curator's Report: no report – Nita was not present and Wayne had noted the upcoming exhibits.

RL made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Margaret Green. Meeting adjourned.

THE NEXT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 12, 2017