

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE MUSEUM
101 Monroe Street, Mansfield, La.

STATE GOVERNING BOARD QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, April 14th, 2016 – 1:30 PM

Members Present : Rodney Clements, Candie Cox, John Freeman, Carolyn Huckabay, Raymond Powell, Judson Rives, Jeannie Rogers, and Wayne Waddell.

New Members Present: None

Members Excused: Ellen Abbington, Beverly Bedsole, Riemer Calhoun, Jack Sibley, and Sandy Spaulding.

Staff: Van Reech, Jr.

The quarterly meeting of The Mansfield Female College Museum State Governing Board met in regular session on Thursday, April 14th, 2016 at 1:30 PM. There were 8 members present, no new members present, and five members excused.

Mr. Raymond Powell called the meeting to order and Judson Rives led in prayer with John Freeman leading in The Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Judson Rives, seconded by Candie Cox to approve the minutes of the January 07th, 2016 meeting as printed. Minutes were approved.

Mr. Powell introduced Wayne Waddell and Rodney Clements and asked Mr. Waddell to update us on museum closures. Mr. Waddell told the members that no museums had been closed yet and The Female College and The Battlepark were not in any bill yet. The main criteria will be attendance and costs. The new Lt. Governor, Billy Nungesser, wants all the museums under his office and that may happen. Any additions or renovations are on hold as are all subcontractors on contract with the museums.

Van Reech reported that the Desoto Sheriff is cooperating with us on grounds maintenance and are now weeding the flower beds. Ladies Bridge Club donated to Petty Cash to help with our cleaning and service. I arranged for two groups of Home Schoolers to tour The Museum and I met with representatives of the Girl Scouts to talk about camping and activities on The Museum grounds. The

Red Hat Ladies want to have a tea party here for the younger girls and a tea party for teenagers on two different Sundays.

Storer is scheduled to check and maintain our A/C units and should start after July 1st as will terminate control TEPCO

Dolet Hills and I.P. groups continue to come over for tours on their lunch breaks during their training at The Calhoun Center.

Mrs. Carolyn Huckabay reported that she had been meeting with CLECO, Mansfield's Mayor, and Jay Dardienne to help with the rate struggle that The Calhoun Building was having. Jeanne Rogers inquired about the electric rate they were on and Van Reech told her it was the "Demand Rate" which is an additional \$13.10 per KWH over 5000 KW per month. John Freeman reported that it was the correct rate, but that he would make some calls to his connections with CLECO and to Harry Leggett. he cautioned that CLECO was the highest utility in the state. Carolyn Huckabay told us that she was visiting with Paula Hickman President of the Shreveport Foundation to try to get some help from them for The Calhoun Center. The Friends did receive a check from the Foundation last month for \$16910.00

Mr. Johnny McFerren told Van Reech that he was going to have to resign from the State Governing Board because of health issues. Mr. Powell opened the floor to discuss new members. Carolyn Huckabay suggested Neal and Glenda Ellis or Gary and Marilyn Joiner whom she will contact (Glenda has joined).

No other items were offered. Mr. Powell asked for a motion to close the meeting which was made by Beverly Bedsole and seconded by Judson Rives. All those in favor were to rise and exit which all did.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Van Reech, Jr.