

**MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE MUSEUM
STATE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015 - 1:30PM**

Members Present: Ellen Abington, Beverly Bedsole, Riemer Calhoun, Jr., John Freeman, Carolyn Huckabay, Jeannie Rogers and Raymond Powell

Members Excused: Beverly Bruce, Britney Green, Johnny McFerren, Judson Rives and Sandy Spaulding

Staff: Barbara Valentine

The State Governing Board of the Mansfield Female College Museum met in its regular session, Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 1:30PM. Mr. Raymond Powell, President, called the meeting to order, Mrs. Carolyn Huckabay led in prayer and Mr. John Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Ms. Jeannie Rogers, seconded by Mr. Freeman to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting as printed. Minutes were approved.

Mrs. Barbara Valentine gave a report on all the renovations that had been completed and contractors have been paid for their services. The State has contracted Mr. Todd Kennedy, Village Nursery of Grand Cane, to take care of the landscaping around the museum and the Clista Calhoun Center on a monthly basis.

Mr. Wayne Waddell could not attend the meeting but had been in Baton Rouge for budget conference and the money set aside for the widening of the driveway that is the front drive for the museum is secure. This money is secure until June 30, 2015 to purchase the asphalt to finish the drive.

Motion made by Ms. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Bedsole that the board present the following to Mr. Waddell:

- 1. Install a covered walk for the handicapped from the sidewalk off the parking lot going to the museum at the side entrance.**
- 2. Make a covered handicapped parking lot of the area around the bell at the side entrance of the museum. This would have a drive up to the side door of the museum.**
- 3. Mr. Waddell is to study these proposals and make the decision as to which would be the best way to have it more accessible for the handicapped in bad weather.**

Motion was approved.

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Ms. Huckabay reminded everyone that it has been discussed to have self-guided tours for the MFCM. The board had discussed this with Mr. Waddell and they are still interested in this project as they have been to other museums that have this and it is a very attractive feature for the museums.

Another project that had been discussed and measurements taken for a sidewalk to go from the parking lot to the front door and also a sidewalk to go from the drive to the front door. We had a walk that went to the front door and the contractor took it up stating “ it did not go anywhere.” Follow up needs to be done on this issue.

Ms. Rogers stated that the Christmas Open House that was held December 7th, 2014 was very nice. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Mary Jo Sallis played the piano for the first time since the pedals had been connected. The crowd enjoyed it so much that they did not want to go home.

Motion made by Ms. Bedsole, seconded by Ms. Huckabay that the State Board and the Friends Board go together and have an Easter egg Hunt April 4, 2015 at both facilities. Ms. Bedsole would co-host with someone on the Friends Board to have this event. Motion was approved.

Mrs. Evelyn Powell provided refreshments for everyone. It is so nice to have someone that thinks of us at all times. We appreciate everything she does to help the museum and the board.

There being no further business Mr. Freeman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bedsole.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara Valentine, Director
Next Meeting – April 2, 2015- 1:30pm**