

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE STATE
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MANSFIELD
FEMALE COLLEGE MUSEUM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012 – 2:30PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: ELLEN ABINGTON, RIEMER CALHOUN, JOHN FREEMAN, RAYMOND
POWELL AND DR. ALAN THOMPSON**

**MEMBERS EXCUSED: CAROLYN BEAUBOUF, BEVERLY BRUCE, BRITTNEY GREEN, CAROLYN
HUCKABAY, JUDSON RIVES AND SANDY SPAULDING**

**GUESTS: MARY DURUSAU, BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE STATE ARCHIVES; KYLE ARDOIN,
FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE AND MARCIA CALHOUN, VP OF THE
FRIENDS OF THE MFCM**

The State Governing Board for the MFCM met in session at the museum on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 in Mansfield, Louisiana at 2:30pm. Mr. Raymond Powell, President of the Board called the meeting to order. Dr. Alan Thompson led in prayer and Mr. John Freeman led the Pledge.

Mr Powell introduced our special guest from the Secretary of State's Office. Ms. Mary Durusau, Business Manager of the State Archives and Mr. Kyle Ardoin, First Assistant Secretary of State.

Motion made by Mr. Riemer Calhoun and seconded by Dr. Alan Thompson to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2012 meeting as printed. They were approved.

The Friends of the MFCM have officially named the Lyceum Building as the Clista A. Calhoun Center. Mr. Riemer Calhoun gave an update on the progress of the Center and plans are already underway for the first event to be held in September. The Center is owned and operated by the Friends of the MFCM a non-profit organization. Through the efforts of the legislature, Secretary of State's Office and donations from several contractors everything is moving along. Mr. Calhoun expressed his appreciation to all those involved and especially to Secretary of State, Mr. Tom Schedler who was very instrumental in the Friends of the MFCM to be able to purchase the property.

Mrs. Marcia Calhoun, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Friends of the MFCM concerning the new Center gave an update on the finances and monies received from various groups. They are in the process of looking for a director to oversee the planning of events and have several members of their group have really come up with some great ideas. Plans are for the first event to be held in September, 2012.

Mr. Judson Rives was out of town so Mr. Powell asked Mrs. Valentine to give a report on the grounds and building. Everything is going very well. However, with so much rain lately the grounds are in need of mowing. The Deep South Lawn Service does a good job and anything they are asked to do they are always there. Also, the Friends of the MFCM have hired help to clean the museum twice a month. This has been a tremendous help and very much appreciated.

The museum will be getting the traveling exhibit "Becoming Louisiana, Path to Statehood" in February of 2013.

Ms. Durusau gave a report from the Secretary of State's Office that they had budgeted \$80,000 for much needed repairs at the museum. At this time the Facility Planning Committee is in the process of securing an architect for this project. First priority is the foundation of the building. Upon completion of this and if there are any monies left they will consider other areas to be repaired.

Mr. Kyle Ardoin stated that the \$80,000 was the good news but that the Secretary of State's Office had been cut \$300,000. Other museums are already looking at other ways to help fund their museums. The State did okay the prospect of getting donations from other agencies in the parish to help with funding and would be willing to go into a cooperative agreement in order to help keep the museums open.

Mrs. Evelyn Powell made the Board some very delicious brownies. A very big "Thank You" goes out to Mrs. Powell. She is very much appreciated .

After the meeting is adjourned Mr. Powell invited everyone to go next door to see the progress that has been made on the Clista A. Calhoun Center.

Motion made by Dr. Alan Thompson and seconded by Mr. John Freeman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting October 11, 2012 at 2:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Valentine, Director