

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE STATE
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MANSFIELD
FEMALE COLLEGE MUSEUM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen Abington, Beverly Bedsole, Beverly Bruce, Riemer Calhoun, Jr., John Freeman, Carolyn Huckabay, Raymond Powell, Judson Rives, Sandy Spaulding and Dr. Alan Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carolyn Beaubouef and Britney Green

GUEST: Marcia Calhoun, VP Friends of the MFCM

STAFF: Barbara Valentine, Director

The State Governing Board of the Mansfield Female College Museum met in session at the museum Thursday, October 11, 2012 in Mansfield, Louisiana at 2:30pm. Mr. Raymond Powell, President called the meeting to order and introduced Ms. Beverly Bedsole as our newest member of the board. Mr. Judson Rives led in prayer and Dr. Alan Thompson led the Pledge.

Mr. Powell asked the members to look over the minutes of the previous meeting July 11, 2012 and make any corrections . Since no corrections were needed the motion was made by Dr. Alan Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Marcia Calhoun to approve the minutes as printed. Minutes approved.

Mr. Riemer Calhoun, Jr. gave a report on the Clista A. Calhoun Center. He expressed special appreciation to the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, Mayor Curtis MrCoy and the City Council and the Friends of the MFCM as well as to members of the community for them to be able to present a paid building ready for use by the community. A lot of discussion followed with input by members concerning the job description for the director, insurance to be provided by the individual using the center and donations still needed for operating expenses. Mr. Raymond Garner is the Director for the Center and has it booked for every weekend in October. A lot of discussion was held on ways to advertise the Center. Several ideas were mentioned and different members agreed to help in anyway possible.

Mr. Rives was asked to give a report on another project that the Friends and the DeSoto Parish Police Jury have been working on to be placed in the old library building in back of the Center. This project is still on go for them.

Mr. Powell asked Mrs. Barbara Valentine to give an update on the building and grounds for the museum. She reported plans for the renovation of the foundation of the building, painting the building the same color as the Center and the re-construction of the back entrance to be made to enhance the entrance to the Calhoun Center. Also the Deep South

Lawn Service will be taking care of the grounds of the Center as well as the museum since they are still under contract with the State . The State has allocated \$80,000 for this project.

Also of concern was an issue that has come up with the position that Mrs. Valentine has with the State. She gave a report on the problems and that Secretary of State, Mr. Tom Schedler and First Assistant, Mr. Kyle Ardoin were working on a way to resolve this issue. The motion was made and seconded to write a letter to Mr. Schedler and Mr. Ardoin in support of Mrs. Valentine and thanking them for trying to help keep her on board at the MFCM.

Mrs. Carolyn Beaubouef, a member of the board has had to resign due to health issues. Motion was made by Mrs. Carolyn Huckabay and seconded by Dr. Thompson to accept her resignation. Resignation approved.

The Grand Opening for the Clista A. Calhoun Center will be Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 3:00PM until 6:00PM. Everyone was asked to get out and advertise this event. Flyers have been place in various places around Mansfield and surrounding areas of the parish.

Honor Vets. Vote Program Cards were passed out to members so that they could participate in this program that our Secretary of State, Mr. Tom Schedler has started by asking everyone to complete the cards to honor those who have fought and sacrificed for our freedoms and our sacred right to vote.

Also is was announced that Senator John Fleming will be at the noon meeting of the DeSoto Parish Chamber of Commerce on October 16th. The price of the meal \$9.00 and you are asked to make reservations by Friday Noon, October 12th. Also Senator Fleming will be at True Vine Nursery Thursday, October 18th at 5:30PM.

There being no further business the motion was made to adjourn by Mrs. Huckabay and seconded Mr. Freeman . Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara Valentine, Director
Mansfield Female College Museum**