

Minutes

Louisiana State Exhibit Museum
Regional Museum Governing Board
Thursday, January 8, 2015, 12:00 noon

Members present: President Mrs. Margaret Green, Betty Balck, Jim Gregory, Jud. Gayle Hamilton, Hedy Hebert, Richard LeBlanc, Geoff Perego, Mickey Prestridge, Jackson Sibley, Andy Taylor and Evelyn Valore, LSEM staff present: Wayne Waddell - Director of Northern Region of Museums, Nita Cole - Curator and Cindy Grogan - Public Information Officer.

12:08 pm Chairperson Green called the meeting to order. Ms. Green welcomed everyone back after the holiday season. She thanked Mickey Prestridge for being the new Friends Board President and his dual role on the boards. Cindy Grogan called roll. Margaret Green asked if everyone received a copy of the agenda. Richard LeBlanc made a motion to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Geoff Perego. Motion carried. Margaret asked if everyone received a copy of the minutes and if there were any changes to be made. Mickey Prestridge stated the date for the next meeting needed to be corrected. Mickey Prestridge made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Jackson Sibley. Motion carried.

Information regarding 2015 Governing Board meeting dates, committee assignments for the year and member info sheet updates were passed out to the members.

Standing Committee Reports:

Executive Committee - No meeting

Accessions and De-accessions Committee - No report.

Building and Grounds Committee - No Report.

Education Committee - No Report.

Long Range Planning Committee -No Report

Nominating Committee - No Report

State Fair Report- No Report

Friends of LSEM -

Old Business: Wayne Waddell stated that the Archives Building contract was out for bid. There was some discussion with Geoff Perego and Richard LeBlanc regarding the construction business.

Margaret Green stated 2015 is a Glitz & Grits year. She will be chair of the event. She asked for members to join the G&G Committee (it has not met yet). The event will be on a Saturday night, Sept. 26, 2015 and the theme is "Louisiana Saturday Night". There will be valet parking in the back and Silver Star catering will be doing the food with Thrifty Liquor supplying the bars. They are working on the entertainment; Windstorm has performed in the past, but there are several bands being considered for this year. The Bayou Boys who performed at Washington Mardi Gras and Professor Park Chop was mentioned.

New Business:

Margaret asked if everyone was comfortable with their committee assignment and if they wanted to change, please give her a call.

Chairman's Report: Already given.

Director's Report: Director Wayne Waddell gave a report of the projects that have been completed during 2014 and upcoming projects to be completed.

- **LSEM Rotunda Area & Grounds: We have finished remodeling the LSEM auditorium:**
- New carpet.
- New vinyl flooring.
- New doors on either side of the stage.
- Aisle lighting.
- Refinished the wooden stage and chair backs.
- Re-upholstered each seat cushion.
- New ceiling.
- New lighting.

The dedication of the newly remodeled auditorium will be during this year's first quarter. The auditorium will be known as the Van Cliburn Auditorium. Van once played in a piano recital in our auditorium. The date and time of the dedication will be sent to our Friends and general public at a later date.

We are installing a historical lamp post donated by Forrest Dunn on our north lawn adjacent to the auditorium in memory of Donna Dunn. We will install a circular flower bed surrounding the lamp to honor Forrest Dunn. Both will have appropriate plaques after installation. The foundation and decorative base have been installed. State funded the stone at a cost of \$145 Friends funded the labor at a cost of \$1,300, Friends funded the paint at a cost of \$44. This was a line item out of the director's budget.

Past Events/Exhibits:

- Huckabay and Ivy's *Beyond the Desktop* exhibit opening was very well attended Sunday, November 16th.
- The Annual Greening of the Museum was December 3rd. Over 600 students attended. 3 local media outlets covered the event live.
- The Friends' Annual Meeting and Christmas Party was December 9th.
- Congratulations to our new Friends Board President Mickey Prestridge.
- Ayers Business College was the first event held in our newly remodeled auditorium hosting their fall graduation December 6th. Over 400 people attended the event.

Future Events:

- Don Edwards' Wildlife Artists exhibit will open Sunday, January 25th at 2pm. I encourage each of you to attend.
- Shreveport Green is hosting an Arbor Day program in our auditorium Thursday, January 15th.
- Movie Director Tim DeWayne is planning to show his documentary *Beyond Galilee* in our auditorium February 9th.
- In cooperation with the National WWII Museum in New Orleans, LSEM will be participating National History Day on March 7th.
- A retrospective exhibit highlighting Maggie Martin's career will open Sunday, March 8th.

Visitors numbers since our last meeting. Grand Total = 17,440

Jud. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Geoff Perego. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date will be Thursday, April 9, 2015 @ 12:00 noon