

Minutes

Louisiana State Exhibit Museum
Regional Museum Governing Board
Thursday, May 14, 2015, 12:00 noon

Members present: President Mrs. Margaret Green, Dr. George Bakowski (for Friends) Betty Black, Jud. Gayle Hamilton, Ken Hickman, Jackson Sibley and Evelyn Valore and a proxy from Hedy Hebert and Andy Taylor. LSEM staff present: Wayne Waddell - Director of Northern Region of Museums, Nita Cole - Curator and Cindy Grogan - Public Information Officer.

12:06 pm Chairperson Green called the meeting to order. Cindy Grogan called roll.

Due to lack of attendance constituting a quorum; no official business was conducted.

Standing Committee Reports:

Executive Committee - No report.

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 - Dr. George Bakowski was present for Mickey Prestridge.

Old Business: Wayne Waddell discussed that the legislature is in session and no updates will be final until the end of the session.

New Business:

Chairman's Report: Margaret Green stated that the April Governing Board and Glitz & Grits meetings were rescheduled. They both were scheduled during spring break and no quorum was to be present.

Margaret gave a Glitz & Grits update - G&G will be held on Saturday, September 26th and the theme is Louisiana Saturday Night. Silver Star will be the caterer. The Valet will remain the same as in the past years and music will be provided by the Lafayette Bayou Boys. There will

also be a DJ during down times. The event will be on the backside of the museum, under giant tents. There will be food and bars indoors along with the auction items on the cases (which works very well). Travis Whitfield will help with decorating greenery. The rooms for Jim Tweedy & Bruce Odell (the Louisiana artists) and the Lafayette Bayou Boys are being donated by Boomtown Hotel and Casino.

Margaret also thanked everyone for their letters to the area legislators and representatives. We had a wonderful turnout for the SOS luncheon on March 12th. It was good to show SOS Tom Schedler the support the museum has in this area. A special thanks to Rep. Roy Burrell who has been in the museum's corner and very outspoken about our situation.

Director's Report: Wayne Waddell discussed the glass portico project. The museum is to receive brick & mortar funding from a local foundation. Some of the funds will be used to glass in the front portico and move the front doors outward.

January - May Events

- Sunday, January 25th, 2015 was Don Edwards Studio Artists Opening Reception with over 250+ people attending.
- Tim DeWayne had another "**Beyond Galilee**" program during the week of February 9th in the auditorium. 5 high schools with over 500 students attended.
- David Vitter's office had a small business and education public forum with about 300 attending on Feb. 19th.
- The museum worked with Shreveport Green on their Arbor Day Program in the auditorium on Jan. 15th museum. It was a huge success and Shreveport Green would like to continue the program on a yearly basis.
- National History Day was Saturday, March 7th. The museum partners with the WWII museum for the area competition. We have had several participants receive scholarship funds and have 7 students going on to the national competition in June.
- Maggie Martin's Retrospective on Sunday, March 8th, 2015 was one of the biggest receptions we have had with over 600 people attending.
- The Governing Board & Friends Board provided a luncheon for the area's Reps and Senators to discuss museum options with SOS Tom Schedler. It was very well attended with over 63 people attending.
- We have had 9 Aunt Tilde performances with 2 more scheduled.
- There have been 2 RV Rallies on the fairgrounds last month. The groups are given museum brochures and invited to visit the museum. We see hundreds of RVers come tour the museum.

- The DYD Street lamp dedication was Sunday, April 26th from 2-4 pm. The street lamp and rose garden are a wonderful addition to the museum grounds. There were over 150 people at the dedication and artist reception.
- Tuesday, May 5th, Give for Good was a huge success. We received the **Most Improved Prize** and the **Grow the Grassroots Prizes**.
- Saturday, May 9th from 2-4 pm was the opening reception for the student artist exhibit – Project Talent which had over 200 people attending.
- On Saturday, May 16th - Ayers Business College will have another graduation in the auditorium. There is standing room only for their graduations.

LSEM had over 18,008 visitors in attendance since the last meeting

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