

TIOGA HERITAGE PARK & MUSEUM
Board of Directors

Meeting of May 15, 2014

The Tioga Historical Park & Museum's board was held Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Jimmie Lewis	Wayne Ryan
John DuFour	Melvyn Bowie
Melba LaCroix	Susan Seal
Donna Taylor	Sandra Bracknell

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jimmie Lewis. Minutes from the last meeting were read. There being no corrections, John DuFour made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Sandra Bracknell. All approved.

The preliminary meeting for the roof was held at the Museum on May 2th. This meeting included Facility Planning and Johnny's Roofing and Metal Works. The materials should be arriving soon. Kevin Clark from Facility Planning is concerned about the leaning columns inside. They have been like this the past 50 or so years.

We've had 10 fencing contractors who bid on the fencing around the train. Delta Specialty Contractors from Monroe, Louisiana was awarded the contract.

John DuFour reported the state wanted to focus more on military items for our museum. There are already two local museums focusing on military -- Camp Beauregard and Ft. Randolph that is in our area.

Events held during the past 3 months include:

3/7	Gumbo Fundraiser
3/20	Tour Pineville Park Baptist Church
3/29	Baby Shower
4/10	V.A. Tour
4/12	Baby Shower
4/26	Trade Day
5/9	Cub Scout Awards Banquet
5/10	Baby Shower
5/13	Graduation 6 th Grade, Alpine Christian School

Attendance for the past 3 months (Feb. 17 – May 11) was 1,208.

Upcoming Events

Pokerkeno Group

Baby Shower
Do Senior Fair and Expo at Ball Senior Center
LaCroix Reunion
Tioga Alumni Fish fry

OTHER BUSINESS

Plans are being made to replace the glass around the train set with another type of glass. The glass used is not tempered. It will also be moved more to the center of the room.

A discussion was held about putting glass in front of our quilt. We were advised it was worse to put it behind glass than to leave in the open, as long as the sun didn't shine on it.

Mrs. Lewis expressed that we need more active participation from some of our Board Members. We need to get someone from the Timber Industry, maybe Colfax Creosote, involved. How do other non-profits keep their Board of Directors? We need their input. Even a Cleco executive would be a good fit.

Wayne Ryan had a booklet from Bolton High School celebrating their centennial in 2015. We had good publicity regarding Public Education in Rapides Parish. Levin School was listed in 1800 and by 1905 the first Tioga School was built.

Wayne Ryan sent Jimmie Nelle procedures and timetable to apply for capital outlay funds.

Plans were discussed to have a gospel singing the 4th of July. Invitations could be sent to politicians inviting them to a reception here before attending campground meetings. Perhaps the Alumni could set up and sell hot dogs. You could have the reception from 3-4 pm and have soft drinks and tea cakes. The music could start after the reception. The museum would be open and we could honor elected officials and cordially invite them to come see our local museum. Several groups of gospel singers were mentioned – HIS, The Plainsmen, and the Pine Ridge Quartet.

There was no further business and a motion was made by John DuFour, seconded by Wayne Ryan to adjourn. Approval made by members present.

Donna Taylor, Acting Recording Secretary

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