

**-TIOGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD & HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

Meeting of February 18, 2016

The Tioga Historical Park & Museum monthly Board meeting was held at the Tioga Museum on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Members present were:

Wayne Ryan
Michael Wynn
Sandra Bracknell
Mark McKee

Jimmie Nelle Lewis
Reginald Ingram
Carolyn Hataway

Dennis Bordelon
John DuFour
Melba LaCroix

Wayne Ryan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members were welcomed. The minutes of November 19 were read. There being no corrections, Michael Wynn made a motion to accept. This was seconded by Reginald Ingram. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jimmie Lewis. The general fund began with \$6,281.14 on January 21, 2016. There was one deposit of \$150.00 and expenditures of \$151.35 leaving a balance of \$6,279.79 as of February 17, 2016. The Memorial Plaza account began with \$3,647.75 with no deposits or withdrawals for the month. The Barbershop account began and ended with \$7,068.93 since there was no activity in the account. John DuFour made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Carolyn Hataway. Motion carried.

Jimmie also would like to work on getting a historical plaque for the barber shop. Michael Wynn said that Flynn Building Specialties could make up a metal sign and attach to building which would be less expensive. It's best to keep the sign simple. Jimmie Lewis is to check history for dates, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Melba LaCroix reported the news from the secretary of state's office continues to be challenging for the state's budget. Brandee Patrick is sending weekly clippings from the Alexandria Town Talk as well as the Baton Rouge Advocate. There is a hiring freeze for state employees. It could be 2-3 years before any money is freed up for repairs.

Jimmie Nelle cancelled the current date for the Trade Day. Vonice Wainwright dropped the ball about contacting vendors for March 5th. The Antique/Consignment Shop is not having their trade day on March 5th. There was discussion on which weekend would be available and be a better fit. April 9 was selected. It was also decided to have spaghetti and meat balls instead of gumbo. Since Vonice was already committed to Washington, La., we will have a car show to attract people. Also music groups will be invited to perform. Michael Wynn is an appraiser and would like to set up and appraise small collectibles, coins, books, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

We have a bid from Jesse Rabalais to rescrew all the tin on the red barn to stop the leaking in the storage area. Then top the tin with cool seal. The cost will be \$1,200. We also have a bid to seal the top of the storage room so we could buy a heater/air conditioner to keep out the humidity. It would cost \$430 in materials and \$570 in labor. This would have to be covered by the Historical Society since he doesn't have the required insurance. We do need to protect our storage. We currently have bisqueen on top of the rafters. Reginald Ingram volunteered to get another bid so we would have a comparison.

Jimmie Lewis reported that Brian Davis had visited the museum and surrounding community. They buy older homes and remodel/upgrade and sell them. It revitalizes the community one house at a time.

Mr. Ray Scriber with the Department of Historic Preservation gave a presentation. They have a grant with the intent to stabilize property about to collapse. The size of the grant is \$50,000. The grant is located at LouisianaHP.org. It's a federal funded grant that is administered by the state. You have to depend on local fund raising. You have to have non-profit status. Help raise Historic Restoration tax credits. You need to send tax credits and they will pay 90% after the work is done. Have to work with tax credit office. LouisianaHP.org. Mr. Scriber gave his number 225-342-8160 and advised us to look at the process on the website.

There being no other business, motion to adjourn was made by John DuFour. Seconded by Michael Wynn. Motion carried.

Karen Young, Secretary

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