

LA State Cotton Museum Governing Board Minutes

February 5, 2013

Reynold Minsky opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Prayer was led by Jean Oswalt.

Members present were: Daisy Wilson, Bobby Facen, Jean Oswalt, Mary Jean Knight, Pat Fairchild, Al Rawls, Jr., Reynold Minsky. Visitors: Mary Durusau, Harvey Howington, Peggy Howington, Barbara Prine and Harriet Bridges.

Mary Durusau was welcomed and asked to provide direction. Mary commented that Secretary of State (SOS) Tom Schedler was very proud of the Cotton Museum. What was done by the community in this rural area with not a lot of resources was outstanding and speaks a great deal for the work done at the museum and the concern of the community.

She commented the extended work hours are being provided by SOS funds that were held in reserve. This will only last through June. There are other funds that will be used to restore the mannequins and electronic equipment not working.

SOS is expecting slight budget cuts and waiting for the Governor to release the budget in mid-February. They are waiting to see what will happen.

SOS hopes to keep with the status quo for the time to come. SOS is very proud and appreciative of the facility and its place in the community.

Mary Jean Knight made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Pat Fairchild, motion carried.

Under Old Business the Storage Building was discussed and SOS work toward a building for chairs and tables was presented by Mary Durusau. She said that they were checking with state purchasing to see if there is a state contract for these types of buildings. She will inform us the results.

New Business: from February through June the museum will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM. The July through September days may remain the same and reduce work week hours for October through December to cover the hours worked in July through September.

Mary Durusau reported that SOS is waiting for the cost to repair the tenant house and the commissary to determine if they will make these repairs. Mary also reported SOS will be replacing the electronic DVD player with a digital player in the museum building and the CD player in the chapel at a cost of \$3,000. The three mannequins in the Gin Building will also be replaced with new mannequins at a cost of \$9,000. These two repairs by SOS will be done by Jules Babineaux of Exhibits, Etc.

Daisy Wilson reported to the Governing Board the community events discussed by the Friends Board for 2013 (Attached) no additions were made.

Minsky reported that he would spray the grounds for clover and other weeds. He will use Harmony (Helena Chemical is a source) and the Friends will pay for the herbicide.

Bridges reported the LA North Coalition tourist publication was soon to be released. She reported the annual parish assessment fee of \$1,000 has been made and Friends will pay \$200 along with four other businesses being asked.

The 2013 meeting days were made: May 22, August 4, and November 13.

There were no additional items.

Facen made the motion to adjourn and Fairchild seconded, motion passed.