

LOUISIANA STATE COTTON MUSEUM GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**SEPTEMBER 24, 2014****1:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by President Reynold Minsky, with prayer given by Flora Watson and Pledge of Allegiance led by Al Rawls.

Members present: Reynold Minsky, Bubba Brown, Pat Fairchild, Donna Winters, Al Rawls, Jean Oswalt, Bobbie Facen, Mark Brown, Jean Coleman, Flora Watson, and Museum Staff: Harriet Bridges, Barbara Prine, Catherine James and Avery Jones.

Mark Brown made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Bubba Brown and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Harriet Bridges gave an updated report on repairs caused from lightning storm in late April, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reynold Minsky introduced new employee, Avery Jones, who will be in charge of maintenance and repairs and assist where needed.

Reynold Minsky advised members of equipment needs in Plantation Hall:

1. Projection Screen does not work and needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$800.00 - \$900.00. Motion to replace Projection Screen made by Pat Fairchild, seconded by Flora Watson and passed.

2. Dishwasher does not work. Restaurant Equipment Repair, West Monroe, La., checked the unit and reported it needed pump assembly replaced --- gaskets had dried out due to lack of use and would not recommend repairing. Checked on leasing and it was not a good choice economically and to purchase new, would cost \$4, 586.50 for a Champion Dishwasher.

After discussion by members, motion was made by Donna Winters, to have employees do a Survey Form to be completed by individuals renting Plantation Hall, to determine if having a dishwasher in kitchen would affect whether they rented Plantation Hall or not. Motion was seconded by Flora Watson, and passed.

Harriet Bridges advised the Board that new gas cans and storage container had been purchased to meet safety regulations required by Office of Risk Management.

Barbara Prine reported to Board that for the fiscal year (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, the attendance for the Museum was 10,651, which was an Increase of 1,753 from prior year. Visitors attending, represented 45 States and 18 Foreign Countries. The number of events held in Plantation Hall for this same time period was 63 Events.

Harriet Bridges advised the Board of the bat situation in the Farm House, Tenant House, and Main Museum Building and stated that Secretary of State's office contracted with Trapper J Wildlife Removal Specialist, Inc., of Fort Necessity, LA, to perform the bat exclusion from these buildings.

There being no further business, Bobbie Facen made a motion to adjourn. seconded by Donna Winters and carried.

Donna Winters,
Secretary