

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM

Board of Directors

Monday, May 14, 2018

12:30 p.m. – Old US Mint

New Orleans, Louisiana

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Members Present: | Mary Coulon, Lee Felterman, Aleta Leckelt, Kevin Kelly, Rosemary Upshaw Ewing, Carolyn Morris, Lawrence Powell, George Hero, Fairleigh Cook Jackson, Anne Redd, Richard Hartley, Ann Irwin, Suzanne Terrell, Melissa Steiner, and William Wilton. |
| Members Absent: | Holly Haag, Madlyn Bagneris, Larry Schmidt, and Sharon Gahagan |
| Also Present: | David Dahlia, Susan Maclay, and Jason Strada |
| LSM Staff Present: | Yvonne Mack, Rennie Buras, Steven Maklansky, and Bridgette Thibodeaux |

A quorum was present.

Call to Order

Dr. Powell called the meeting to order at 12:44 pm

Rennie Buras officiated the swearing in/oath of office of Suzanne Terrell.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Kevin Kelly made a motion to adopt the agenda. George Hero seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Motion to Amend the Minutes

Carolyn Morris moved to amend the Board meeting minutes from March 12, 2018 to change the paragraph regarding signers (under "Irby Committee Report") for the Irby bank account as follows:

- Remove the word "additional", which precedes "authorize signers for Irby bank account" in the 2nd paragraph of the Irby Committee Report section.
- Add the name "Anne Redd" to the list of signers.

Rosemary Ewing seconded the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved**.

Motion to Adopt the Minutes as amended

Aleta Leckelt moved to adopt the Board meeting minutes from March 12, 2018 after amendments in the previous motion. Carolyn Morris seconded the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved**.

Interim Director's report

Steven Maklansky gave an update on the Special Olympics exhibition recently installed in Natchitoches, a follow up report regarding the opening of the new Recovered Memories exhibition at the Cabildo, and reports on upcoming exhibitions, including "We Love You, New Orleans!" planned for the Cabildo in September, 2018. Interim Director Maklansky also gave a report on additions to the staff the new education coordinator for New Orleans the new Assistant Registrar. Both individuals will start work with Louisiana State Museum on 5/21/2018.

Irby Committee Report

Will Wilton provided a report from the Irby Committee. Recommendation from the Irby/Finance committee was given regarding the approval of a new residential tenant (Newell Andry) at 531 St. Ann, 2nd floor beginning June 1, 2018. Approvals were recommended for new minimum base rent of \$5031 for commercial location 525 St. Ann, to be effective upon execution of new lease. New lease is anticipated to commence October 1, 2018. Approvals were recommended for new minimum base rent of \$5194 for commercial location 537 St. Ann, to be effective upon execution of new lease. New lease is anticipated to commence November 1, 2018.

Anne Redd made a motion to approve all Irby committee recommendations as follows:

- Motion to approve of a new residential tenant (Newell Andry) at 531 St. Ann, 2nd floor beginning June 1, 2018.
- Motion to approve new minimum base rent of \$5031 for commercial location 525 St. Ann, to be effective upon execution of new lease. New lease is anticipated to commence October 1, 2018.
- Motion to approve new minimum base rent of \$5194 for commercial location 537 St. Ann, to be effective upon execution of new lease. New lease is anticipated to commence November 1, 2018.

Carolyn Morris seconded the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved**.

Collections Action Items

A request for incoming loans (Exhibit A) was discussed by the board following a brief report on the items from Steven Maklansky. Fairleigh Jackson made a motion to approve the incoming loans as outlined in Exhibit A. Will Wilton seconded the motion and the motion was **unanimously approved**.

A motion was made by Anne Redd to amend the agenda to add consideration for an outgoing loan request. The motion was seconded by Fairleigh Jackson and was **unanimously approved**.

Steven Maklansky provided an overview of the outgoing loan request as provided in Exhibit B.

A motion was made by Will Wilton to approve the outgoing loans as requested. The motion was seconded by Fairleigh Jackson and was **unanimously approved**.

Nomination and Election of Executive committee members as required

Melissa Steiner made a motion to nominate Anne Redd as Chairman of the board. The motion was seconded by Aleta Leckelt. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Rosemary Ewing moved to accept and appoint Anne Redd by acclamation. Carolyn Morris seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Anne Redd made a motion to nominate Kevin Kelly as Vice Chairman of the board. The motion was seconded by Rosemary Ewing. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Rosemary Ewing moved to accept and appoint Kevin Kelly by acclamation. Carolyn Morris seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Friends of Cabildo Report Jason Strada gave the report from the Friends of Cabildo. He provided a recap of the success of The Stranger's Disease and the FOC exhibition opening for Recovered Memories. They are now offering five days per week for docent lead tours and credits the new exhibition with helping to finally jump start that important program. He announced the home & courtyard tour for 5/18/18 and their yearly meeting to be held on May 22nd.

Louisiana Museum Foundation Report Susan Maclay gave the report from the Louisiana Museum Foundation. She discussed their annual meeting is also being held on May 22nd. She provided a report of grants being administered by LMF for the Museum projects and the Music at the Mint Performances supported by the LMF. June 14th will be a members' only event for Recovered Memories. She provided an overview of the Grants process (per request of the board) and an overview of contracts via LMF. CRT recently concluded their Internal Audit of LMF and results should be available soon. She noted the LMF will be moving offices as soon as LSM finds them suitable office space.

Old Business There was no old business discussed.

New Business Dr. Powell provided information regarding a request by the Tricentennial committee for a historical marker to be placed at the Cabildo as a slave trade location. There are six locations throughout the city of New Orleans where the markers are being considered for placement.

Mary Coulon announced that a search committee has been formed to nominate a permanent director for the Louisiana State Museum. Mary Coulon is serving as chairman of this committee.

Adjournment

Lee Felterman moved to adjourn. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.