

**MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE MUSEUM
STATE GOVERNING BOARD – QUARTERLY MEETING
THURSDAY – APRIL 03, 2014 --- 1:30PM**

Members Present: Raymond Powell, Carolyn Huckabay, Johnny McFerren, Jeannie Rogers, Judson Rives and Ellen Abington

Members Absent: Britney Green

Members Excused: Beverly Bedsole, Beverly Bruce, Riemer Calhoun, Jr., John Freeman and Sandy Spaulding

Staff: Barbara Valentine, Director

The State Governing Board of the Mansfield Female College Museum (MFCM) met in session, Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 1:30PM for its regular quarterly meeting with six of the twelve board members present. Mr. Raymond Powell, President, called the meeting to order, Mr. Judson Rives led in prayer and Mr. Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Barbara Valentine gave a report on the members that have severe medical problems. She talked to Mrs. John Freeman about Mr. Freeman who is taking treatments for cancer and she was told that he was doing very well. They will have to wait and see how the treatments are going before doing surgery. Mrs. Beverly Bedsole underwent surgery this morning for cancer of the throat. It seems that after her previous surgery another place had developed. Everything went well and Beverly was able to go home Thursday afternoon.

Motion was made by Mr. Rives and seconded by Ms. Rogers to approve the minutes from the last quarterly meeting of January 9, 2014 as printed. Minutes were approved.

Mrs. Valentine gave an update on the progress of the renovation of the museum. Everything has been completed but there are a few more projects to be done. There have been two quotes for resurfacing two more rooms, finishing the threshold at the side entrance of the building that the other contractor did not complete, the entrance to the parlor room and some additional painting. Mr. Wayne Waddell, Director, of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum in Shreveport is over the projects here at the MFCM. All of this was done with the help of our Secretary of State, Tom Schedler, Ms. Mary Durusau and Mr. Waddell. Mrs. Huckabay together with Mr. Schedler, Ms. Durusau and Mr. Waddell were able to get landscaping around the museum and the Clista A. Calhoun Center. Akins Nursery did the landscape plan and supervised the planting of all landscaping for both the Museum and the Calhoun Center. Also the Rose Garden has been trimmed and work is being done to get it back in order. Mr. Van Reech, Marketing Director, of the Clista A. Calhoun Center has been helping with this project. A great big thank you to the Sheriff's office helping with the planting of the plants.

Mr. & Mrs. Powell worked very hard to get the Alumni Room back in order with items that told what the girls did at the college when it was in operation. They were able to let the guests at the Gala know more about the History of the MFCM. We were also able to have Mr. Mike Mumaugh, Park Ranger, come and give the History of the Civil War Room. He thoroughly enjoyed the event. Josh Logan's son, Tom Logan, was at the gala with his wife from Maine. The auditorium was dedicated to his father who lived in Mansfield with his parents and went to the MFCM and did plays with the students of the college.

Mrs. Huckabay announced that on April 26, 2014 at 11:00 AM there will be a dedication of the Allen House, which her Great, Great, Great Grandparents lived in when they came to Mansfield in 1848. This will be held either at the Allen House or the Mansfield Historic Site (Battle Park) when the re-enactment of the Battle of Mansfield will be held. The Calhoun Family has donated the house to the National Trust of Civil War Properties in Washington, D.C as it was used as a hospital during this time. The National Trust of Civil War Properties will donate the property to Lt. Governor, Jay Dardenne, State of Louisiana, who is over the Parks and Recreation facilities. The Mansfield Female College Museum will also be open on April 26th for visitors since it was also used as a hospital during the Civil War.

Also Mrs. Huckabay reported on the "Broadway Comes South" Gala that was held at the MFCM and the Clista Calhoun Center. The response was tremendous and gave a lot of publicity to both buildings. Everyone was amazed at the progress and how beautiful the restoration of both buildings looked. They came from Shreveport, Natchitoches, Many and all areas in DeSoto Parish. They came in busses, limousines and personal vehicles. At the present time it is reported to have raised approximately \$35,000 - \$40,000 for the Center depending on amount of promised donations. Everyone is ready for another gala.

A recommendation was made by Mr. Rives to request the State to replace the sidewalk that went to the front entrance of the museum and possibly extend it out to the drive. Also that the front entrance off Monroe remain the front. Also to consider a sidewalk from the parking lot on Louisiana Street to the front of the building. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Valentine, Director