

Quarterly Meeting of the State Governing Board  
Of the Mansfield Female College Museum  
April 12, 2012 – 2:30PM

Members Present: Beverly Bruce, Riemer Calhoun, John Freeman, Carolyn Huckabay, Raymond Powell, Sandy Spaulding and Dr. Alan Thompson.

Members Excused: Carolyn Beaubouef and Judson Rives

Members Absent: Ellen Abington and Britney Green

Museum Official: Mary Durusau- State Director of Museums

Guest: Marcia Calhoun, VP – Friends of the MFCM

Museum Staff: Barbara Valentine, Director

The State Governing Board for the Mansfield Female College Museum met in session at the museum on Thursday, April 12, 2012 in Mansfield, Louisiana. Mr. Raymond Powell, President of the Board, called the meeting to order. Dr. Alan Thompson led the Pledge and Mrs. Carolyn Huckabay led in prayer.

Mr. Powell introduced our special guest from the Secretary of State's Office, Mrs. Mary Durusau, Director of Museums for the State. Ms. Durusau reported that the Lyceum Building had been declared surplus property by the State making it possible for the original owners to buy back the property at an appraised value by the State. The Appropriation Committee is to meet with Secretary of State Tom Schedler on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. At this time we will learn hopefully more about our situation concerning the possible closures or lay offs. The Joint Budget Committee will meet May 12<sup>th</sup> and at this time we should know if the necessary restoration problems with the museum can be placed with the Facility Planning Committee in order to get the monies needed for this project. Mr. Wayne Coco, Architect, had met with Ms. Durusau and Mr. Calhoun concerning what it will take to complete the work needed on the foundation and floors of the museum.

Several members made comments on how much Ms. Durusau and Secretary of State Tom Schedler have done to help get these projects up and rolling. Through their dedicated efforts things have been made much easier. Everyone expressed their appreciation and asked Ms. Durusau to let our Secretary of State, Mr. Tom Schedler know how much the Board and Friends of the MFCM feel about him.

Old Business:

Motion was made by Mr. John Freeman and seconded by Mr. Riemer Calhoun to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting as printed. Minutes were approved.

Renovation work has started on the Lyceum Building. The DeSoto Parish Police Jury entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Friends of the MFCM in which they agreed to pay them \$500,000 to use for this project. Ms. Marcia Calhoun reports “ **the money is in the bank.**” Mr. Powell asked Ms. Calhoun to give us an account as to how this came about. She stated that when the State declared the property surplus the original owners, the Calhouns, bought the property for the appraised value of \$18,000. They sold it to the Friends of the MFCM and the renovation is well under way.

Much discussion was held concerning the building and grounds. Deep South Lawn Care has the contract with the State to take care of the lawn twice a month from April thru September and monthly for October thru November. Ms. Valentine was asked to see if she could find someone to do occasional work to maintain the lawn if needed. Also she will see if she can find someone to help with the cleaning of the museum. The Friends of the MFCM are to discuss helping in these areas.

Mr. Powell asked everyone to walk over to the Lyceum Building after the meeting. Mr. Freeman made the motion to adjourn seconded by Dr. Alan Thompson.  
Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Valentine, Director