**REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD**

**AND FRIENDS LOUISIANA STATE EXHIBIT MUSEUM**

**JOINT BOARD MEETING**

**Louisiana State Exhibit Museum**

**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

Ken Hickman called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Members present Betty Black, Marcia Calhoun, William Cawthorne, Jud. Gayle Hamilton, Ken Hickman, Mickey Prestridge, Rocky Rockett, Jack Sibley. LSEM staff present– Wayne Waddell, Director, Nita Cole, Curator and Cindy Grogan PIO. Proxy received from Andy Taylor.

At the time the meeting was convened, it was determined that a quorum was not present.

There were no guests present.

Minutes from previous meetings were not approved due to lack of quorum.

**Committee Reports:**

**Building and Grounds**: the committee was trimming and fertilizing the roses today.

**Long Range Planning:** Ken Hickman requested that a Long Range Planning Committee meeting be called the 3rd Thursday of next month.

**Nominating committee**: Another member must be added to this committee.

There were no other committee reports.

**Director’s Report:**

Director Wayne Waddell indicated that $1.9 million could be cut from the state museums budget. More information will be forthcoming as the state legislature special session meets.

Mr. Waddell outlined numerous projects that have been completed, including the enclosure of the portico, installation of 6-ton air conditioning inside the portico, permanent installation of Minor Vinck work in the rotunda, mirrors, chairs, LED lights. The state paid for some of these projects and the Woolf Foundation paid for the portico work.

He reported attendance of 42, 597 visitors since the last meeting of the Governing Board; he also provided a list of rental fees for scheduled events.

We have 200 Friends memberships for 2016 and we have a 2nd membership mailing at a later date.

The director encouraged discussion about ways to increase membership in Friends of LSEM. Suggestions included lower pricing for younger members, young people’s advisory board, setting up a member table at various museum events, first-time membership pricing, and hosting a Give for Good event at the museum on May 3.

**New business:**  There was no new business.

**Curator’s Report:**

Curator Nita Cole provided information about several upcoming exhibits, including a February Creative Art Connection and Retrospective with Jesse Pitts and 5-Cent Jones. On March 20, the museum will present the art of Emily Pressly and her granddaughter Catherine Pressly Herring.

She also discussed exhibit cost proposals, which will be attached to the minutes.

Business for the Governing Board followed the Friends agenda and was conducted by Ken Hickman in the absence of Chair Margaret Green.

There being no further business, the combined meeting was adjourned by Friends president Mickey Prestridge at 12:45 p.m.

**THE NEXT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14, 2016**