

The Governing Board of the Spring Street Historical Museum met at the museum at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Gary Joiner presided. Members present were Susan Cage, Judy Chidlow, Pearla Despot, Elizabeth Ersoff, Conway Link, Liz Swain and Charlotte Walter. Also present were Mary Durusau, Director of the Department of State Museums; Wayne Waddell, Museum Director for North Louisiana; Libby Siskron, president of the Shreveport Dames.

Copies of the minutes for the August 14th meeting were circulated and Elizabeth moved they be accepted as written. Conway seconded the motion and it was passed.

Judy reported on a successful lecture series. There were 187 attendees and it earned more than \$15,000.00 for the museum. Thank you, Judy and Susan.

Mary described the permanent exhibit. Larry Milford has completed the preliminary design. Cases the length of the side walls will be installed. A large book and a figure of Captain Henry Miller Shreve will introduce a series of interactive touch screen displays with corner icons for children. Topics to be covered include the great raft, cotton, timber, oil and gas, the yellow fever epidemic, churches, black history and the growth of the early city. The vault will hold a video program on the history of the building and of banking.

Mary introduced the new "Passport" program. The passport contains a section for each of the seventeen state museums. It will be stamped at each location. Eleven visits (and stamps) will entitle one to spend a night in the Old State Capitol and participate in a nocturnal tour.

Wayne discussed the many ongoing projects. There have been security upgrades and bids for repairing the façade are out. The elevator, wheel chair ramp and water problems are still to be addressed. An appropriate paint color for the outside of the building must be selected. He estimates the museum will need to close for four to eight weeks during construction.

Wayne also stressed the need for volunteer docents after the work is complete. He is planning a bus tour of the local museums to try to tie them together.

Liz circulated flyers for a "Hidden History Tour" of Shreveport scheduled for Saturday, May 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will begin at the Downtown Library and end at the Chamber of Commerce, including visits to the "bottoms" area and the Red River District with its "pop-up" businesses. Gary Joiner and Cheryl White will talk about old Shreveport at the Chamber.

Susan reported that Rex Moncrief is working on our website and the Facebook and Twitter sites. Anton Winder and Keith Henson of Twin Engine Labs are preparing the computer programs.

Gary announced that a previously unknown, hand drawn map of Shreveport in 1874 has been found in the LSUS archives. He made a copy for the museum.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Pearla Despot