

# **TIOGA HERITAGE PARK & MUSEUM**

## **Board of Directors**

### **Meeting of February 7, 2013**

The Board of the Tioga Heritage Park and Museum met February 7, 2013 at the museum. Members present were.

Karen Doyle, President

Betty Cumpton

Pat Bordelon

Melvyn Bowie

Sandra Bracknell

John DuFour

Carolyn Hataway

Jimmie Lewis

Betty Longino

Prior minutes were read and approved.

#### Old Business:

Money for the Walking Trail has been received and Mr. Kevin Bordelon will start work when the weather permits. The museum has one year to get the work completed.

The red building will be jacked up soon. Mr. Bonnette will do the job for \$1,935. Parish inmates will be here next week to finish the storage room. Clean-up will continue. Black felt will be put inside to keep out the weather. Bisquine will cover the top to keep out dust. New 4x8 plywood boards will be installed around the inside. Hopefully, the prisoners can help as long as we need them.

Fencing material has not yet been received, but Carol Baxter from Martin Foundation tells us we may receive the materials next week.

Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) was received from Paragon and will be used for the gumbo supper. A \$5,000 grant from Procter & Gamble could possibly be used to move the shotgun house to the museum grounds. Hopefully, this will occur before the walking trail is started. A tentative agreement was reached that we could use some of the money to clean it up and repair the porch. The latest bid received was \$7,000. A possible bid of \$4,800 was given, but as yet, the man has not looked at the job.

Lance Harris has resigned and will no longer work with us at the state level. Mary Durusau and Tom Schedler, state officials, may possible come to the museum for a visit at our May Board meeting.

Upcoming events:

- 1) Special needs group from Grant High School
- 2) Baby shower
- 3) Gumbo supper and fundraiser
- 4) Civil war presentation on vessels on the Red River during the war
- 5) Wedding in May
- 6) Bi-centennial quilt display in June
- 7) Cub scout meeting
- 8) Rotary Club

Jodie Belgard from the Town Talk is trying to find out if we are closing. At this point, there is no word at all. Mary Durusau stated there is a shortage of \$1 million dollars in the secretary of state's budget.

Hopefully, we can maintain our museum by working hard to keep it open. Ms. Durusau also stated that money is allocated to sandblast and paint the engine and coal car. We need to get a bid from Mr. Jerry McDaniel.

Ricky Fontenot gave us a bid of \$19,500 to complete a deck from the porch all the way alongside the train. Bobby Halley from the state Facility Planning is working with Industrial Roofing Company to either repair or replace our roof. The roof has been leaking since July 2012 and we've had one episode when the roof curled up one section and in February it was beginning to lift on the opposite end of the building.

Betty Cumpston made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jimmie Lewis. All approved.

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Carolyn Hataway, Recording Secretary

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