

LHRAB, July 26, 2017

Meeting began at 10 AM on Wednesday, July 26th, 2017, in the La. State Archives Conference Room. Initial attendees were Dr. Hardy and member/Secretary Michael Wynne. Later attendees to the meeting included members Jacqueline L. Jones, Brenda B. Parsons, and Carrie Fager Martin.

Dr. Hardy discussed at length the plans for National Archives Month. Although they are still on the drawing board to work out the details, the tentative plans include:

- Tuesday, September 24th- Morning & Afternoon lectures on Preservation & Genealogy
- Thursday, September 26th- Morning Lecture & Friend's of the La. State Archives Breakfast

Liz Williams, Executive Director of the Food & Beverage Museum in New Orleans, will talk on the role of food in the culture of New Orleans. Unlike other cities, New Orleans tends to absorb the various ethnic foods & cultures into one unique cultural experience. She will speak at the Friend's Breakfast.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed, moved & seconded, & approved.

Carrie spoke at length on the new legislation on historical records. The Clerks of Court can digitalize records, but it is unclear if the originals of records are still mandated to be kept. This was discussed at length by Dr. Hardy.

Dr. Hardy also discussed the issue of preservation of social media, especially regarding what is "best practices". The discussion included that the protocol & procedures on this are still being worked out on a national level with still no uniform procedures developed.

Members then spoke on historical preservation in their areas:

- Michael Wynne spoke at length on his monthly preservation newspaper column in central Louisiana in the CENLA FOCUS magazine. He wants to devote a column on the great success of the La. State Archives & of Dr. Hardy efforts at statewide historic reservation.
- Brenda Parsons- She said Shreveport is doing well on the preservation of historical buildings by local people. Two state museums there have now reverted back to local control & the Shreveport community is currently studying their potential reuse.
- Jacqueline Jones- She spoke about the many cuts in higher education. They are trying to move forward with less money to fund programs. They are doing what they can to preserve records including using student workers to help preserve records.

A general discussion ensued on our states historical records. Dr. Hardy's insight into best practices of records management added much to the discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Michael D. Wynne
Secretary