

Abita Springs Trailhead Museum

Board Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2019

Recorded by Gail Ledet

Guests: Mary Davis and Susan Foster

Members Present: Stewart Eastman, Courtney Blicht, Carolyn Boudreaux, Steve Davis, Peggy Scimemi, Anne Weaver, George Long, Susan Fischer, Martha Gruning, Ron Blicht, GERALYN LIPS and Gail Ledet.

Absent with notice: Marian Roper.

Absent without notice: Bryan Gowland

Called to order at 5:00

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from November 26, were accepted as written, after a motion by George and a second by Stewart.

Financial Report

Martha provided an overview of the financial statements. The cash balance in the bank account as of December 13 was \$28,851.96. The November income was \$638.85, which included CD income and Museum Donations. The expenses were \$891.84, and were related to the Elise Roome Retrospective expenses. It should be noted our budget for that event was \$1,000. Operating expenses included \$1200 to Ben for a new server install. UVERSE expenditures per month are \$28.00.

Old Business

Update Program Suggestions

New Louisiana Poet Laureate – No update.

Busker Festival

Photography Exhibit during Festival – No update.

Sponsors – **Action Item 1** – Ron will follow up with Cleco being a sponsor.

Update Summer Art Camp – fee of \$300 for Mr. Hume – No update.

Update Quilt Show w/donated quilt – No update.

Ethics Certificate Due for 2019

Everyone completed to training for 2019. Marian needs to sign her form when she returns,

New Business

Board Members

Gail has resigned from the Board, effective December 31, 2019. A new secretary is required. This Board position is the only Board position open. It will be determined at the January

Board meeting. Martha has volunteered to record the January minutes.

Applications are being taken for new Board members. Susan Foster, in attendance, has completed an application, and is anxious to work on the Board. She recently moved to Abita Springs, and has extensive experience with Publicity and Marketing. En Plein Air is approaching, and publicity will be require. There are two dates discussed for En Plein Air. **Action Item 2** – Courtney to confirm date. The ASTM website will be updated with Susan’s application for all Board members to review. It was also noted by Stewart, that April 25 is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.

Garage Sale – Antiques Addition

Martha said she has reserved the Town Hall for the Friday before the Garage Sale. The vendor applications are being modified to accommodate antiques. Before this can be done, parameters must be developed; pricing for slots, photos to be included, etc. There is a Cajun dance scheduled for that Saturday night, dictating that everything must be cleared out of Town Hall by 4PM. Prices discussed for antiques were \$200 inside, and \$60 outside. No security would be present. **Action Item 3** – Martha will check with antique dealers, including Shawna Meynard, owner of Attic to Awesome, and other shops in Covington.

Farmers Market

Martha will sell ornaments and mugs this coming Saturday, weather permitting. Perhaps docents could also sell these items on Sunday.

Future Exhibits

George spoke with Minister Patrick Freese, of the Lutheran Church, regarding their 115th Anniversary/Reaffirmation. The committee will include George and Barb. The date discussed was May 1st, and the event would span two weekends. The Minister indicated he will have people to work the exhibits and reception.

Mary reported the Museum doesn’t make any money doing Retrospectives. Other exhibits discussed was a Jewelry Show, perhaps in November, a William and Ellsworth Woodward Retrospective, and Earth Fest.

It was reported the Christmas Village went well, and perhaps could be expanded.

Security/Sound System –

Town Hall is pursuing. An acquaintance of the Mayor, Kerry, is looking at updating the security cameras. Martha would like to ensure there is coordination with the security system, and the Total Home Automation App we are currently using. **Action Item 4** – Martha will discuss getting multiple bids for the security system.

Committees Reports

Farmers Market – No update.

Push Mow Update – George stated he is resigning from ASTM Board, effective December 31,

but will continue with Push Mow. He does need someone to shadow him.

Facilities Management –

Sign replacement - \$600 PO approved, waiting on Dave.

Cleaning Service – TOAS has arranged for their Cleaning Service to clean the Museum, every Sunday night at 10:30.

Preservation Committee - No update.

Docents Committee

Please continue to check the schedule for open dates.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14.

Next Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2019, 5:00PM