

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

12:00 – 1:30 PM, Cuero Heritage Museum

Tuesday, March 01, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Adickes. Those present were members Steve Waldrop, Joe Reuss, Jim Stokes, Peggy Ledbetter, Cynthia Lawyer, Cliff Weber, Candy Henderson, Tony Allen, and Museum Manager Amber Fitts. The meeting was conducted by both Wayne and Steve.

Items to be voted on were moved to the beginning of the agenda. 1) Wayne asked for permission to take a number of reamers out of the display and present them for viewing at the Reamer Convention he will be attending. Tony moved that the board grant this request, Cliff seconded and the motion carried. 2) Wayne requested that we increase CHM's cost portion of the historical mural to be painted on the old Reuss building from \$10K to \$20K and accept the expected grant from CDC for \$10K. Joe moved to increase our portion, Tony seconded and the motion carried. 3) The board was asked to approve the purchase of the front and back doors for PMMT. Tony moved we purchase them, Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of the minutes: The February 2016 minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Wayne reported that we have only spent 25% of our budget and remain under budget at this time.

City Council Presentation: Wayne reported that his annual presentation to the City Council was well received and the council was pleased with what CHM and PMMT have accomplished.

Doyle Cruz: Mr. Cruz is very interested in becoming a board member. It was decided to offer him a position after the city council election has ended.

Fund Raising: It was reported that Devon Energy turned down our request to fund oral histories. A discussion was held about where else we could go to request funds for oral histories and our other endeavors. Several suggestions were made including GVEC, H.E.B., TEDCU, Banks, LCRA, One Oaks Gas Co., and Johnson Foundation.

Kudos were given to Amber for her hard work on cleaning out the upstairs of CHM, readying it for the archival cabinets soon to be ordered.

Seven-Up Exhibit: This exhibit is now on display. Included is a brochure which explains how 7-Up came to be in Cuero. A large photo of the old 7-Up building, which is in our possession, was not included in the exhibit. Jim made a motion to include the picture, Cynthia seconded, and the motion carried. Tony suggested having a reception for the exhibit and it was decided to do this. Steve, Amber and Candy will take the lead and contact the Nielsen family about the best date. There was a discussion about how to promote the reception in order to have a good turnout.

HVAC Update: The contract for this work was awarded to Jahn Air Conditioning of Yoakum, who came in with a bid of \$97,000 for both buildings. The work will start this month and is expected to be completed in about 120 days.

Clean Up of Second Floor: Steve mentioned that Wayne wanted board members to be thinking about helping to paint the second floor of PMMT after the air conditioning work was complete.

Fire Truck Fundraising: This has been put on hold until next year due to Cliff's schedule.

Completing the Football Exhibit: There was a discussion about the space limitations we have to complete the next 35 years of Cuero football. Steve suggested digitizing some of the

information to be viewed on touch-screens. Jim suggested making several separate exhibits so they could be rotated. Procuring another building was also suggested.

Banking Exhibit: This is still on hold.

John Ellzey: Steve showed an updated draft of the presentation. It will be held on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Refreshments will be offered afterwards in the council lobby and attendees will be encouraged to view artifacts at CHM as well as visit the gravesite in Hillside Cemetery.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned about 1:40 p.m.

Due to time constraints the following agenda items were not covered:

Fred Hanson exhibit

Oral Histories: Jamison interview and fund raising

Medicinal Plant Garden

Sale of Lumber

Iron Lung Update

Interaction with Pharmacy Schools