

CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Tuesday, May 03, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Adickes. Those present were members Steve Waldrop, Joe Reuss, Jim Stokes, Cynthia Lawyer, Gerald Zengerle, Jessie Mathis, Tony Allen, Cliff Weber, consultant Liz Heiser and Museum Manager Amber Fitts.

Approval of the minutes: Steve made a motion to approve the April minutes without change, Jessie seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Report: Wayne reported that financial reports were not available but he's confident we are still under budget due to the fact that not much was spent last month.

HVAC Update: The PMMT has been completed and all reports are that Jahn A/C did an excellent job. They are now working on CHM and expect to have it complete early next week.

Cuero Heritage Museum:

John Ellzey Update: Steve reported that he is about finished with the presentation which he expects to be about 35 minutes long. The rest of the program will entail opening and closing remarks and refreshments afterwards. The Ellzey exhibit is now up in the CHM lobby. Brochures have been printed and will be handed out at various clubs and other venues. Jim, Liz and Steve will clean the gravesite. In the future, other members will adopt the monitoring of the gravesites of other heroes to be honored at this annual event.

Archival Cabinets: The original order was returned due to poor quality. A different style was ordered and has been received. There was a discussion on how best to get them upstairs.

Fred Hansen Exhibit: Liz has finally spoken to Mr. Hansen and expects to meet with him next week. It was agreed to hold his exhibit in July and have the reception near the beginning of the 2016 Summer Olympics in August.

Fire Truck: CVFD is working on getting the title signed over to us. Cliff will be working with them to get this completed.

Butterfly Exhibit: This week the Mayor will issue a proclamation designating Cuero a Monarch Butterfly City. The exhibit for CHM will be done by Cuero school children in the fall.

World War II Poster Exhibit: Amber has found a national organization that sponsors a traveling World War II Relief Poster exhibit. Within this exhibit are two or more posters designed by Cuero's Martha Sawyer, a famed artist. The exhibit can be on display for 40 days and the cost is \$2000, some of which may be in the form of a grant. Cynthia moved that we go ahead with this exhibit for Veterans Day 2017 and for Wayne to put it in the budget. Joe seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Tony mentioned that he had brought in several posters a few years ago, and Wayne agreed to look for them.

Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas:

Second Floor Improvements: There was a discussion on how to get new fixtures to the second floor. Wayne reported that The Cuero Main Street Program wants to hold a gathering at PMMT on the second floor to celebrate our winning the Best Restoration award. It will be held on May 19 at noon and include a light lunch. Amber and Docent Suzette have done a great job of cleaning, but patching and painting as well as ceiling and floors still need to be done. Joe mentioned that the dental rooms are complete and are waiting for the vintage dental equipment to be moved in.

Iron Lung Update: Jim reported that he was still looking for one but the going was slow. He mentioned, and others agreed, that a very good exhibit can be made without one, using photos and educational materials as well as local experiences. It was agreed to go ahead with an exhibit of this type for June 2017.

Steve mentioned that he called the Ebay site (where an iron lung was for sale) and was informed that the entity that had it actually repaired iron lungs and that many people in the U.S. still lived in them.

Texas A&M Veterinary Exhibit: Joe reported that he does have a contact there and will call him very soon. The A&M School will be the lead on the exhibit.

Old Business: Amber reported that the LED lights were now installed in CHM exhibit rooms.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Lawyer
Secretary