

## **CUERO HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**12:00 – 1:30 P.M., Cuero Heritage Museum**

**Tuesday, July 7, 2015**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Wayne Adickes called the meeting to order. Members present were Joe Reuss, Jim Stokes, Steve Waldrop, Candy Henderson, Donald Albright, Jessie C. Mathis, Gerald Zengerle, Peggy Ledbetter, consultant Liz Heiser and Museum Manager Amber Fitts.

**Minutes** The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

**Financial Report:** Wayne reported that the expenditures will increase over the next couple of months as more projects are completed. Some money should roll over to next year for capital items and the museum budget is financially sound.

**Next Meeting:** There will not be a meeting in August. Next meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2015 at 12:00 Noon at the Cuero Heritage Museum.

**Daule School Historic Medallion – July 18, 2015:** The Cuero Heritage Museum will change the open hours to 2 pm – 5 pm on July 18, 2015 to accommodate museum tours after the dedication and reception. The Pharmacy and Medical Museum of Texas will open during the hours of 2 pm – 5 pm for tours as well. Wayne asked for help locating information on the Daule School from those attend as well as photos. He also encouraged the Committee to attend event. Wayne stated he talked with the mayor about moving the Leonard Roy Harmon Monument to Settler's Park and she seemed in support of doing so. Jessie Mathis stated that he just found out that Mr. Harmon has two living daughters and living siblings.

**Budgeting Process:** Meetings with the Finance Director and City Manager proved successful in adding 2 part time docents to the upcoming budget. The next step is getting through the City Council budget workshops without getting it cut and then the vote on the budget in late September.

**Report on Bus Tour:** The bus tour group was great and they absolutely loved it. They were very appreciative and will come back to Cuero to visit again.

**HVAC for both buildings:** During a meeting with Wayne, Raymie said he would ask for quotes on heating and air conditioning for both museums upstairs and downstairs. A few companies have accessed both buildings and should be returning quotes soon. At this point, not sure if he will write this into the upcoming budget.

**Weber Art Exhibit & New Exhibit:** Tomorrow we will start taking down the Weber Exhibit and put up the photo exhibit that was talked about in the previous meeting, "The Way We Were – an exhibit of Cuero's past through old photographs 1870's to 1950's.

**Nielsen Bottle Collection:** We are scheduled for next week to pick up the Nielsen Bottles (7UP) and will display that exhibit at a later date.

**Recruiting Docents:** Wayne asked the committee to talk to people they know to help.

**Pharmacy and Medical Museum of Texas: *Dental Rooms:*** The purchase order has been issued for the restoration of the dental rooms and we are waiting for the work to be started any day now. ***Front and Back Doors:*** Quotes are still needed for both front door and the back door. We are looking to get quotes from Red Miller and John Post. ***Downstairs Lighting:*** We are waiting for light design and installation quotes to come back from Hall Electric and Goyen Electric. Joe reported that the company that we had received a quote from a while back will come back out and give another quote with more lighting added. ***Herb garden:*** Planning for wooden (lumber treated) old timey raised planters for the medicinal herb garden behind the Pharmacy and Medical Museum of Texas. The garden will have informational signs stating the herb and brief usage. Amber stated that she will ask David Danish when his crew could be available to build them; if not soon, then we have enough in the budget to have them built.

**Cuero Heritage Museum Future Exhibits:** The Way We Were – an exhibit of Cuero’s past through old photographs 1870’s to 1950’s will start putting up this week. For this Christmas Snow Men exhibit that is borrowed from a local collector will be displayed and collection has doubled since last time it was displayed. It was suggested by Joe Reuss that we ask the citizens to send us photo of the past Cuero snowmen to display with them. We could make it into a contest and place story in The Cuero Record. All agreed this would be wonderful.

**Ramp for Heritage Museum:** Work should be complete by the end of July.

**Fund Raising:** Currently, we are gathering items for a Plough, Inc. Exhibit for displaying at the Pharmacy and Medical Museum. We will take photos of the display and send to the company in hopes of raising funds. Also we are looking into other foundations to raise funds.

**Other Old Business:** Amber will make brochures for both museums and we may decide not to use the company that has been putting it off for the longest.

**New Business:** Fox Sports will be in town soon to interview the former Gobbler and filming will be done at the museum. The show will premier in December with a reception.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Amber Fitts, Museum Manager