

Cayce Historical Museum Complex Commission Meeting – November 5, 2014

Members present: Mary Sharpe, Lynn Summer, AG Dantzler, Marion Hutson, Archie Moore, Cyndy Peake and Alice Brooks
Executive Director: Leo Redmond

Absent: Ann Diamond (excused), Scott Morgan

- Commission Chairman Mary Sharpe called the meeting to order.
- Commissioner Dantzler offered the invocation.
- Commissioner Summer moved that the minutes from the September, 2014 be approved as submitted. Commissioner Peake seconded and the motion passed.

(Due to the October last minute date change and no quorum present, there were no official minutes from that meeting as it was discussion only. Commissioners thanked Commissioner Brooks for taking notes of that discussion, but no motion for approval was needed.)

- Commissioners again praised Director Redmond for his role in last September's Centennial Celebration. The majority of work fell on his shoulders and he was very successful in this undertaking. Many participants and dignitaries who were present also expressed appreciation, most notably Sen. Nikki Setzler, Rep. Kenny Bingham, and Lexington County Councilman Todd Collum.
 - Parking concerns were discussed: e.g., a CPS officer not allowing the car with centenarian Mr. Reid Cayce to use a close-in handicapped parking space and directing two local TV station cars (with heavy camera equipment, etc.) to park across the street. The latter WOLO car left without covering the event.
- Director Redmond called attention to the Website "Trusted Travel and Lifestyle Advice" which recently named the Cayce Historical Museum Complex as #7 in *Top Ten Attractions in the Midlands*. To put into context, the SC State Museum was #8.
- Commission Chair Sharpe began the discussion of 2014 Christmas Traditions "Centennial Christmas" assignments which had been mailed to all Commissioners last month.
 - Commissioners thanked Commissioner Summer and her B-C Teacher Cadet student volunteers for unpacking decorations and setting up all the Christmas trees.
 - The following activities are set for Centennial Christmas:
 - Decorators
 - Porches: Gram and Barbara Dantzler
 - Carolers – Leo
 - White Christmas tree on porch – Carol Keisler
 - Stairway: Woman's Club of Cayce – Contact-Ann Diamond
 - Cayce Room tree and mantle – Jean Carrigan
 - Trading Post Room & Mantle –Mary, Cindy, Lisa, Lori & Diane Bouknight
 - Gone with the Wind Tree – Marion Hutson, Jeff Smith and Lynn Summer

- Victorian Room tree/Mantle (upstairs) – Darlene Walton & Martha Porter
- Emily Geiger Room (upstairs) – Alice Brooks
- Saxe Gotha Room (Indian artifacts) – Leo
- Visitors Center Tree – Walter and Mary Walker
- Visitors Center mantle – Mary
- Enclosed glass cases in basement – Leo
- Outdoor Kitchen – Cayce Methodist Church (Ann contact church)
- Outdoor Lanterns – Leo
- Trees are in place and ready to decorate
 - Call Leo @ 261.3983 to coordinate time for decorating.
 - Have assignments completed by Wed., November 26th
- Docents: Gramling Dantzler – Chair
 - Town Crier – Gram Dantzler
 - Front door – Frankie Newman
 - Outdoor Greeters – Diane Bouknight, Zack Peake, Alana Redmond, Amanda Rawl, Samantha Breese
 - Trading Post Room: Andy and Edie Cross
 - Cayce Room – Fran Cornell, Babs Martin and Evelyn Bundrick
 - Upstairs (Saxe Gotha) – T.C. Lache and Archie Moore
 - Emily Geiger Room – Rebecca Kleckley (at table) and Pat Keller
 - Gone with the Wind – Susan Bray
 - Victorian Room – Lynn will have two students (dressed vintage)
 - Welcome Center – Mary, Leo, Rachel
 - Cider Hostesses – Barbara Dantzler, Diane Bouknight, Martha Porter, Diane Walton and Cindy Pederson
 - Floaters: Marion Hutson, Lynn Summer, Rachel Steen, Ann Diamond, Patti Moore and Alice Brooks
 - Native American coordinators: Mr. and Mrs. Tager
- Entertainment and Snacks: Marion Hutson, Leo Redmond, and Rachel Steen
- Director Redmond reported on an event suggested by local writer and noted archivist Rachel Haney – an afternoon tea during the February 14th – 17th Civil War Sesquicentennial observance of the Battle of Congaree Creek. The activity would feature book signings by local authors who have written and released Civil War tomes. The event would also feature Civil War collections as well as living history installations.
 - The River Alliance’s Mike Dawson wants to include this proposed event as part of the listing of official Congaree Creek Sesquicentennial events.
 - Commissioners authorized Director Redmond to proceed with the planning of this event with Ms. Haney.

- Commissioner Brooks recommended honoring volunteers who have distinguished themselves with service to the Museum (such as Sue Miles, responsible for much of the lovely and authentic garden plantings) with a special meeting/ceremony in early 2015 (perhaps even at the above-described event in February. These volunteers will receive commemorative centennial coins.
- Several local citizens have expressed interest in the vacant position on the Museum Commission Board. It was decided to invite Riverland Park resident Rusty Inman to submit paperwork for City Council approval. Mr. Inman is most recently retired from SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism. He was director of official historical tours of the Statehouse.
- Commissioner Summer moved that future Museum Commission meeting dates be returned to the original first Wednesday of the month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peake and passed unanimously.
- Having no further business, Commissioner Dantzler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Moore seconded and the motion was carried.
- **The next meeting of the Museum Commission is set for Wednesday, December 3, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Brooks

Secretary, Board of Commissioners

CC: Museum Commission Chair Mary Love Sharpe and Museum Complex Commissioners
Leo Redmond, Museum Complex Director; Rachel Steen, Assistant Director