

in the fall. Commissioners and Director Redmond discussed many ideas and agreed to continue this brainstorming effort at the April meeting. **We are also directed to:**

- Begin assembling photographic and other items which could be mounted on display panels, depicting the Museum's work over the past quarter century, for the public and invited guests to enjoy. Historical artifacts will also be researched to be loaned, if necessary, for the occasion (personal family items of significance, etc.)
 - Decide on appropriate entertainment, including the excellent suggestions of the Harpists Guild which already meets at the Museum, and significant involvement of the Native American Community which has an important presence at the Museum and has been so supportive over the years and are, after all, descendants of the area's original residents.
 - Plan refreshments to include a large anniversary cake, punch/commemorative water bottles with Museum logo, hors d'oeuvres supplemented by Commissioners, etc.
 - Compile a list of special invitees: e.g., original Commissioners still in the area, City officials during the period, outstanding volunteers during the period (who will also be honored with commemorative coins and/or other awards of appreciation). The event will also be announced in the media and the public invited to attend.
 - Director Redmond will compile a listing of activities and events already scheduled during the late September-October period, keeping in mind such things as football games and other public festivals that would prevent maximum attention to our event. Commissioners will then try to finalize a suitable date for the 25th anniversary celebration and observance.
- Christmas in Cayce, 2016
 - Commissioner Hutson wants to start finalizing entertainment for this event and mentioned several past popular acts. He invited other suggestions and agreed to once again chair this sub-committee and proceed with booking and getting early commitments from the entertainers.
 - Commissioners agreed that a fall celebration of the Museum's 25th Anniversary will be a natural lead in to the 2016 Christmas Traditions event and the theme should be in conjunction with a Silver Anniversary.

Other Business:

- Chairman Moore reported that the letter he drafted for Lexington County Council on behalf of the Museum, of which Commissioners approved, was indeed sent. The letter expressed opposition to the closing of Old State Road, which has been in use for more than 268 years, without public comment. There were two well-researched addendums to the letter: a Brief History of Old State Road, and a white paper on the importance of the Preservation of Old State Road. Moore reported that he had received some verbal comment so far, but no

commitments. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Chairman Moore and recommended that his efforts continue.

- Commissioners also feel that an historical designation may be possible, given that this is the original road from Columbia to Charleston and has historical significance. This could be a Museum project and will be discussed further in future meetings after more research.
- Preservation of Cemetery on Guignard/Skipper property off Axtell Drive – Widely called a “Indian” Cemetery, but believed to be a Black Cemetery, Commissioners agreed that this property deserved and should have an historical marker, and it would be recommended, but since it is on private property, a recommendation is likely all we can do.
- Having no further business, Commissioner Dantzler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Sharpe seconded and the motion was carried.

The next meeting of the Museum Commission is set for Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Board of Commissioners

CC: Museum Commission Chair Archie Moore and Museum Complex Commissioners
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