

## ITEM VI. A.

### Cayce Historical Museum Complex Commission Meeting – May 2, 2012

Members present: Mary Sharpe, Lynn Summer, Cindy Peake, Archie Moore, Ann Diamond, Scott Morgan, and Alice Brooks                      Executive Director: Leo Redmond

Members absent: Chief A.G. Dantzler (excused), Marion Hutson (excused)

- Commission Chairperson Sharpe called the meeting to order
- Commissioner Summer offered the invocation.
- Commissioner Moore moved that the April 3, 2012 minutes be accepted. Commissioner Summer seconded and the minutes were approved as submitted.
- Commissioners congratulated Director Redmond on being awarded the City's "Whole Soul" Award at the April City Council meeting, calling it long overdue, considering all the extra work he provides the City on non-Museum needs.
- Commission Chair Sharpe thanked everyone for submitting recipes for the 5<sup>th</sup> printing of the "Cayce Cooks" cookbook. Commissioner Brooks was able to obtain permission from author John Hammond Moore to reprint some material from his "The Confederate Housewife," published in 1997 and now out of print. The author was delighted to participate and will be happy to assist in any promotion we plan to do when the book is finished. **Anyone still wishing to submit recipes for consideration must do so by Friday, May 18.** Director Redmond would like to have volunteers go through the recipes then, to categorize and put the duplicates (or similar) together.
- Director Redmond reported:
  - The annual Battle for Columbia festivities will be held this weekend at Sandy Run. The Museum will have a booth as always. School children from all over the area come out for this.
  - The Museum budget appropriation has been submitted. The status is unknown at this time, but it is hoped that funding will remain at the same level.
  - Several renovation projects are ongoing, including the bathroom area, outbuildings, and back parking lot steps.
  - Grist Mill update: Museum staff have still not heard on the mills that are being pursued, but Redmond presented Commissioners with a flyer from Gantt's Mill, located in Leesville. He proposed that we could have a mill with working pump for educational purposes, but (like Gantt's Mill), the real attraction would be an old-fashioned County Store. Products could be branded with the Museum logo and name of our choosing (e.g. Granby Grits, etc.) and sold. There is no limit on the local products that would become popular items – especially around the holidays. The site down the adjacent road (already used by ETV in filming in the past) has already been chosen. We envision this as becoming a local attraction, even if only open on Saturdays. Again, like Gantt's Mill, a strong web presence would also facilitate this.

- Redmond and Commissioner Brooks are again contacting our prospective website designer so that the Museum can have its own website. The domain name has already been purchased. "
- SCANA brought over another group of employees for a Museum tour last month. Commissioners and staff are very pleased with this community cooperation.
- Commission Chair Sharpe asked Commissioners for any additional suggestions for a theme for Christmas Traditions. Several additional suggestions were made, but in the end, it was decided to go with a theme suggested at the last meeting – one that will coincide with the publishing of the cookbook, but will not be limited in scope. Commissioner Summer moved that "A Recipe for Christmas" be the theme of 2012 Christmas Traditions. Commissioner Brooks seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Commission Chair Sharpe addressed the re-direction of the Saxe Gotha Historical Society – a discussion that has been ongoing for the past several meetings. Commissioners were directed at the April meeting to come up with suggestions for officers/committee chairs. The following individuals were popular submissions and will be contacted to ascertain their interest in serving, per a motion made by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Summer:
  - President – Teddy Luckadoo
  - Vice President – Jeff Smith
  - Tourism Chair – Dean Hunt
  - Treasurer – Dale Gaskins
  - Genealogy Chair – John Howell

Commissioners were asked to continue submitting names of persons who might be interested in serving on various committees, particularly fundraising. Potential members do not have to live in the city limits of Cayce, but should have an interest in the history of the area and its future success.

- Commissioner Summer moved that the next meeting of the Cayce Historic Museum Complex Commission commence on September 4, unless a summer meeting is deemed necessary. Commissioner Diamond seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Moore moved for adjournment and Commissioner Peake seconded.

Respectfully submitted:

Alice Brooks, Commission Secretary

CC: Mayor and Council  
 Museum Commission Chair Mary Love Sharpe and Museum Complex Commissioners  
 Leo Remond, Museum Complex Director