

Cayce Museum Commission Meeting Minutes 3 April 2019

Members present: Alice Brooks, Archie Moore, Cindy Peake, Dale Gaskins, Judy Corbitt, Marion Hutson and Mary Sharpe. Approved absence A.G. Dantzler.

Also Present: City Manager Tracy Hegler, Municipal Clerk Mendy Corder, Museum Curator Jerry Kirkland, Museum Assistant Andy Thomas

- Commission Chairman Archie Moore called the Meeting to order.
- Commissioner Hutson offered the invocation.
- Commission Chairman Archie Moore introduced a guest, Mr. John Howell - noted SC Historian and Genealogist.
- The minutes from the 6 March 2019, meeting were presented for review. Commissioner Peake moved to accept and Commissioner Gaskins seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Museum Curator Jerry Kirkland
 - A. The museum staff has been very busy working on several exhibits (Dixie Youth, cookhouse, smokehouse and fire truck) and will be busy on missions offsite for several Saturdays this spring. Staff members will be at “Tartan Day South” (6 April), Nature in the Park (13 April), and the “Soiree on State” (27 April).
 - B. We will be receiving tickets from the Fireflies Minor League Baseball team and they will allow us to have a presentation at their August 16, 2019 home game for the 1964 Dixie Youth Baseball Champions. Mayor Partin is expected to participate in the proceedings. All living players have been contacted except “Tommy Mack” who reportedly still lives in Cayce. We will attempt to contact him in the near future.
 - C. Mr. George Williams has donated photos of the Cayce House. These photos show not only the home but family members and include individual’s names and dates inscribed on the back. Chairman Archie Moore added that these photos were part of a group that were made available at the auction of Dan Cayce’s home many years past but were too expensive for the museum to purchase at that time.

D. Dan Sharp and Mike Bozeman - City of Cayce staff, will donate a collection of WWI and WWII military medicines. We will have the opportunity to display a few of the very rare unopened medical kits from those wars.

- Andy Thomas, Museum Assistant

A. Andy cooked a now famous colonial “Chicken Pot Pie” on 30 March 2019 for museum guests. It was reportedly delicious and went quickly.

B. Provided a copy of the museums monthly expense as processed thru the City of Cayce.

C. Provided a copy of the visitor worksheet tracking: attendance numbers, days/months as well as the state/region from where they reside.

D. A Strategic Plan “Dream Big” form was provided to all commissioners to add their thoughts and wishes for the continued growth of the museum. The date for the form to be turned in is 4/17/2019. Commissioner Shape made note of her frustration (shared by all) with our plans, as we have had many great ideas but little or no follow thru. City Manager Tracy Hegler understood her frustration and added that we should think big and that she would help us in the completing our goals for the museum. Commissioner Gaskins asked City Manager Tracy Hegler how much of the building fund (not city appropriated) remained to assist in the completion of projects. City Manager Tracy Helger did not know the exact amount, but it was probably in the \$27,000 range. She also stated that she would have staff research it and get back to us with a correct value.

A. Mr. John Howell – visitor

A. Mr. Howell discussed the recent attempts to locate the “real” gravesite of Emily Geiger and the Threewitts home and cemetery. A loosely assembled team of volunteers (Granby Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, Museum Commissioners, Saxe Gotha Historical Society and others) cleared the grave of Josephine Love Rivers Threewitts. A blank limestone headstone (?) was located and repeated attempts to identify and any inscriptions have failed.

B. The volunteers visited the reported home of a Threewitts family member. The home is reported to be approximately 200 years old and had been modified to meet modern standards (electricity, HVAC and vinyl siding). He noted that this home would be a great project for a history group to obtain and relocate to nearby property.

- Commissioner Gaskins

Commissioner Gaskins discussed the potential for the submission of a draft/pilot TV show tentatively titled “Finding Emily Geiger”. The Saxe Gotha Historical Society is taking the lead on the project, but it will take many groups to draft, fund and produce a produce worth submitting to the cable networks that may be interested. This started much discussion, supporting topics (including the Webberites) and potential points of contact for getting the project started. Commissioner Gaskins asked City Manager Tracy Hegler if the City of Cayce could/would authorize the use of the Museum and City properties in the filming such a project. City Manager Tracy Hegler stated that she would seek guidance of the City of Cayce Commissioners and legal staff on the use of the museum and city properties in such an endeavor.

- A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Brooks – the meeting adjourned.