

Historic Carter House Society Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2016

Vickie Robinson, Chairman, called to order the meeting of Historic Carter House Society Inc. (HCHS) held at 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 3:25 PM. Members in attendance were: Vickie Robinson, Linda Simoneaux, Carol Lamm and Beverly Burgess Meeting started late due to a discussion on historical articles.

OLD BUSINESS

Vickie asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes of the March 2nd meeting. Linda made the motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Carol. Approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

The Financial Report - Linda Simoneaux advised that as of April 29, 2016 our bank balance was \$11,680.93

Resignation of Shelley Simmons – Shelly Simmons sent an email on 3/28/16 advising with regret that she will need to resign her position of Co-Chairman due to her increased job responsibilities. All voted yes to accept Shelley Simmons resignation of Co-Chairman.

Vacant Co-Chairman Position – Vickie requested suggestions to fill the vacant position of Co-Chairman. It was decided that Vickie will send out an email to members, advising them of the opening, and seeing if anyone was interested.

2016 Membership – Our 2016 membership is 27 Families and 12 Individuals. 2016 Membership dues collected in 2016 was \$1,230 (24 Families, 11 Individuals). 2016 Membership dues collected in 2015 was \$150 (3 Families, 1 Individual)

Property Restoration Projects Status –

1. Purchased replacement clothes dryer on March 8 at Lowes, cost \$403.31 and was delivered/installed.
2. Z&Z Stump Grinding & Tree Removal disposed of the oak tree debris/refuse, cost \$300 on April 20th.
3. Vickie met with Cesar Pina and requested quote to add ten LED landscape lights down front walkway – this is a safety factor.
4. Requested quote from Cesar Pina to add three lights by the trees (2 magnolias and 1 oak) in back of the house to add extra light out the kitchen back door – this is a safety factor.
5. Check on price to add insulation under the house – have not contacted contractor regarding quote.

Vickie requested a change in the priority of restoration projects. Instead of quote for insulation under house, she would like to request quote to check/repair windows leaking. Vickie advised that after the recent storms, the blue bathroom window leaked causing water to get in and run down the wall. Vickie will request a bid from Ryder to check all the windows for leaks. Everyone agreed to this change.

Beverly advised that in the past the Burgess had requested quotes on insulating under the house and was told if this was done, it would cause the house to sweat. Beverly doesn't know if insulation used today would alleviate this problem.

Head Start – End of School Year Ceremony – The Head Start School (Melvina Lawson) asked if they could have their end of school year ceremony on the front porch of the Carter House on May 20th. They will provide everything. Time is TBD. If the weather is bad that day, they will have the ceremony at the school. The date was available and Vickie has reserved the date on the calendar.

Update since meeting: An email received on 5/5/16 from the Head Start School advised that due to an expected large turnout for the ceremony, they are afraid parking will become a problem. They are going to use the Am Vets Hall for the ceremony instead. They thanked us for everything we do for the school.

CDD Email concerning Pool House and Utilities

This issue has been resolved. HCHS is responsible for renting out and collecting rent for the Pool House.

HCHS Reports at CDD Meeting – Vickie discussed with the CDD board if the HCHS report could be sent to the board via email, rather than have them presented at the meeting. The CDD agreed the emailed report would be okay.

Lyday Wedding, April 30th – Vickie received thanks and many compliments on the Carter House property used by the Lydays for the daughter's wedding.

Vickie noticed water on the floor of the sunroom. She then noticed that the windows in the sunroom were left open after the wedding. It rained and water came in. Also, the sidelight doors could not be closed. She had to ask Charlie to come close them so we need to get contractor to adjust the doors.

Golf Tournament – Linda reported that the next meeting was going to be tomorrow where she would get an update. So far, everything appears to be on track for the same number of teams and sponsors as last year.

Carol discussed possible opening the Carter House for the wives of the men playing at the Golf Tournament. Most of the wives don't come and those that do either play golf or help out with the tournament.

Vickie pointed out that the Fax# on the registration form is incorrect. The number shown is the fax machine for Methods. Vickie also noted that the flyer did not indicate how the money from the Golf Tournament would be spent (improving the pond). Linda advised that she saw some of the emails that were sent to previous teams and sponsors. In asking for their participation this year, it stated that the money would be added to the money collected at last year's tournament to

repair the pond at the Carter House. Vickie said she is getting questions from people who see the flyer as to what the money will be used for.

2016 Fundraisers

Bunko – Being rescheduled to a later date.

Scavenger Hunt – No one turned out for the Social Committee event due to date conflict with the Strawberry Festival in Ponchatoula, French Quarter Festival in New Orleans and the Masters being televised that day. This event will be rescheduled to a later date.

Fashion Show & Luncheon – Vickie said she contacted Denise at Carter Plantation to get an idea of the cost to use the Ballroom and have a buffet luncheon. Denise said the cost would be about \$18 including tea and tip. Vickie would like to have two to three auction items and a raffle at the event. It was discussed that about 10 Adults and some children would be needed for the fashion show. Vickie will see how many volunteers she can get. It was also suggested some golf clothes could be modeled. Vickie will check with Andrea.

Review of upcoming Schedule for Cater House

1. CPCA meeting changed from May 24 to May 26
2. Possible conflict – October 29th Avocado Wedding was rescheduled to this date from March 19th. The Social Committee usually has a Halloween Party. Since there have been years when the Halloween party has been cancelled for lack of interest, it was decided to accept the change of date for the Avocado Wedding. Linda will advise the Social Committee that this date will not be available.

Other Items Discussed

1. Someone left a Waste Management garbage can filled with garbage out by the barn. Vickie will contact Waste Management about finding out who owns the can or picking it up.
2. Facebook – Shelly created and kept up our Facebook page. Vickie said she has been adding upcoming events and pics on Facebook and will continue. Carol said she would be willing to update Facebook if Shelly could train her on what to do.
3. African/American Museum – People have asked Vickie why the Carter House is not on the African/American trail. Vickie tried to contact them several times with no success. Beverly said the person she contacted said they were just a member and couldn't help and she would need to contact a board member. Beverly suggested we have a wine/cheese social with a tour of the Carter House for the board of the African/American Museum. At that time we could discuss how to get added to their trail.

No date was set for the next HCHS meeting.

Vickie adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.