

Historic Carter House Society Inc.
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2013

Vickie Robinson, President, called to order the meeting of Historic Carter House Society Inc (HCHS) held at 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 2:05 PM.

Attendance: Vickie Robinson, Linda Simoneaux, Wanda Loupe; quorum met.

Old Business

1. Motion passed to approve board meeting minutes from December 21, 2012 meeting.

New Business

1. QUILT TRAIL
 - a. Carolyn Szabados was unavailable/unresponsive to phone calls and emails regarding today's meeting.
 - b. Vickie will continue to try to contact her and obtain status of quilt
2. FACEBOOK PAGE
 - a. Shelley Simmons was unavailable for today's meeting due to commitment in Baton Rouge.
 - b. She will email status of page setup.
3. FINANCE REPORT
 - a. Linda advised latest standing of finances. Bank statement bal. 12/31/12 \$6,442.24 with outstanding check \$1,317.00 to JRW for current work being done and \$250.00 deposit for Liv. Conv. & Visitors Bureau use of Carter House making actual bal. \$2,742.24.
 - b. Gave copy to Vickie and will email report to Sharon for files.
4. GRANTS
 - a. Vickie emailed Heather Crain at LP as well as Tammy Bridges and Mike Varnado at LA Office of Cultural Dev. Div. Historic Preservation to inquire on any/all upcoming grant availability.
 - b. Heather sent Amerigroup grant forms & Vickie has begun completion. We must ask for a specific amount & earmark designation of work. Possibly use funds for historic marker that could cost several thousand dollars.
 - (1) when Vickie was googling she found Ameriprise that also offers grants that we may qualify for & she will investigate further.
 - c. Vickie has two sources (waiting on third from Beverly) for Battle of Blood River documentation.
 - (1) CWR in fall. Check with Denise Martin on dates, how many to feed & hours that house will need to be open for tours.
 - (2) ask her for recommendation of what to charge for tours
 - d. Vickie will investigate possibility of donations from Home Depot and/or Lowe's for building materials/supplies.
 - e. Wanda will investigate possible help from HGTV and/or This Old House
5. ADVERTISING
 - a. LP Bridal Expo being held 2/17/13 from 1-4 pm @ Forest
 - (1) determine cost of booth
 - (2) enlist two representatives to man booth
 - (3) assemble bridal photographs and brochures to display

- (4) offer HCHS membership application
- (5) offer copies of fee schedule for use of CH/PH
- b. Wanda will ask Mary Crowson for schedule of other upcoming bridal shows
- c. Vickie will approach contact @ Country Roads (as well as LA Life, Southern Living) for possible articles written on HCHS
- 6. MEMBERSHIP
 - a. response down considerably from last year. How can we increase?
- 5. FUND RAISERS
 - a. Golf tournament.
 - (1) Wanda will ask John to set date (the earlier the better)
 - (2) HCHS wants to sell hole sponsorships and work 'games'
 - b. Brick courtyard sales
 - (1) Wanda contacted Leslie Lavigne of LA Memorials & Signs in Walker, LA regarding brick sales. Costs will range from \$14.50/brick to \$50/brick depending on labor involved.
 - (2) need to find out if we need approval of brick type/color/size to keep integrity for historic designation. Wanda will talk to Pat Duncan (219-4595) to confirm.
 - (3) need hard and soft-scape designs prior to initiation.
 - c. Monthly events
 - discussed small, less expensive/time consuming parties (still profitable). Some suggestions were:
 - (a) Feb. 23 - BYOB scavenger hunt. \$15/person includes food (chili/pastalaya/jambalaya/gumbo, possibilities) & prizes. Invite friends/relatives.
 - (b) Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day Parade. \$15/person to walk, \$15/float (bike, wagon, golf cart, riding lawnmower: no cars, trucks or boats). Several prizes, corned beef (or pastrami) sandwiches & green beer.
 - (c) Apr. or May - Easter or KY Derby hat decorating party (depending on golf tourn date). BYOB. Date & charge TBA
 - (d) pool party. BYOB. Date & charge TBA
 - (e) 4th of July, small fireworks display. Everyone wears red/white/blue. Grill burgers. BYOB. Charge TBA
 - (f) others to be discussed & announced. Maybe another larger event like 'Murder Mystery'

Other

Next HCHS Meeting TBA after Sharon Lietzke returns.
Vickie adjourned meeting.