

Historic Carter House Society Inc.

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2014

Vickie Robinson, Chairman, called to order the meeting of Historic Carter House Society Inc (HCHS) held at the Carter House, 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 2:00 PM. Attendance: Vickie Robinson, Linda Simoneaux, & Beverly Burgess.

A motion was made by Linda Simoneaux to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting and the motion was seconded by Beverly Burgess.

The Financial Report was given by Linda Simoneaux and as of October 31, 2014 our bank balance was \$18,092.31. The only November deposit was for the Pool House rental in the amount of \$700.00. Checks for restoration work to Ryder & Ryder was a total of \$9,200.00 and a check to Waterworks Pump & Well Inc. in the amount of \$317.20 making the balance \$9,275.11 as of November 15, 2014.

Vickie Robinson reported on the Restoration Project that Ryder & Ryder were just about complete with the work on the back of the house and the carport area.

Beverly Burgess suggested we investigate the costs and possibility of installing a Night Watchman light somewhere in the back, possibly close to the barn. Vickie Robinson will make the contact to obtain the information/costs.

Vickie Robinson reported that she had looked at the Livingston Chamber of Commerce form to be completed and had some questions about the form so she did not get it completed. She has also suggested we wait until after the first of the year to see how our finances stand and everyone agreed.

The letters to the Photographers as a part of our Market Plan have just about been completed. Beverly is mailing them out as Vickie gets them completed and there are only a few more left to be done.

Plans for the Christmas Open House were discussed and the dates were decided on as December 12 for the Head Start School visit, and December 13 & 14 the dates to be open for the public. The group discussed purchasing our own Santa Suit and this was going to be researched by Vickie Robinson. Victoria Trading Company was a site suggested to research. Linda Simoneaux will contact the Head Start School about arrangements for their visit and Vickie Robinson will work with the Dollar General in Springfield to collect toys for the Head Start School. A meeting about decorating the house will be held to establish the decorating teams, discuss who can volunteer for the various assignments (tours, ticket sales, kitchen duty, etc.).

The Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers was decided to be held on the last day of the Christmas Open House as soon as all the visitors have left which should be around 4:30 PM on December 14. Vickie Robinson will draft an email to be sent to all HCHS members notifying them of the meeting.

The Annual Membership Drive should start soon so Vickie Robinson will draft emails to be sent to current members asking them to renew, members we had in the past, as well as all other residents/property owners.

Fundraisers for 2015 were briefly talked about and it was delayed for further discussion as to when we could hold the Flea Market Sale. Also, Vickie Robinson will begin asking about the Annual CPCA Golf Tournament Date so we can start early with the plans.

A brief discussion was held on the status of some of the Maintenance items at the Carter House. HCHS paid for the cost of the well pump work but should be reimbursed by the CDD which was the \$317.20 check to Waterworks Pump & Well Inc. Mo-Dad is researching the problem with the washing machine drain which appears to be clogged. Cleaning the pond has been discussed by the CDD, however, they do not wish to spend a lot of money. Some of the residents have remarked about how bad it looks so Vickie Robinson is going to research what might be a simple or inexpensive solution if there is such a thing. The mulch for the flower beds was purchased and Frank White will distribute since he does the lawn work. Vickie Robinson asked Beverly Burgess where the AC filters are located in the Carter House and Pool House so she can purchase replacements – the one for the Pool House is in the electrical room on the back left side of the house, and the ones for the Carter House are in the bench in the dining room, and two are in the floor in the hallway.

The events scheduled for the Carter House are as follows:

- Christmas Open House Dec. 12, 13 & 14 (Head Start will be on Dec. 12)
- December 31 CPCA New Year's Eve Party.

Following this Board Meeting will be the Christmas Open House Planning Meeting and all HCHS members interested in decorating and helping with the Open House were invited to attend.

No date was set for the next meeting.

There were no further items to be discussed so Linda Simoneaux moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM.