

## **Historic Carter House Society Inc.**

### *Meeting Minutes*

*July 23, 2014*

Vickie Robinson, Chairman, called to order the meeting of Historic Carter House Society Inc (HCHS) held at 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 3:36 PM.

Attendance: Vickie Robinson, Linda Simoneaux, & Shelley Simmons, Beverly Burgess

#### Approval of Minutes

Vickie distributed the Minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Linda moved & Vickie seconded for approval of the Minutes with the amendments that the Hot Water Heater change was in Carter House; not pool house & the Easter admission was \$12.00 per person & was approved

#### **New Business**

##### Civil War Reenactment

Denise & Carolyn spoke for over an hour on the plans for this year & after 2014 anniversary re-enactment Denise is stepping out; they need additional support & re-enactors

They would like to do a Friday Open House event at Carter House with portrayals of Bernard & Carter with a tent here and the Calvary commemorating the Battle of Blood River and how Carter House played a role in that battle. They envision needing hay to put on top of the concrete, actors to play the various roles, boats, stew cooking on open hearth, a script, a plaque to be dedicated, volunteers

The Ladies Tea will be planned to be held on Saturday morning & a decision will need to be made about the Gentleman's Social

Denise was to get phone numbers to Beverly of potential folks to get involved

Vickie knows the Director of the Columbia Theater so that she can discuss with him actors for the Friday event

More details will follow as it gets closer and then they can be more clear with precisely what they are requesting of HCHS

##### Springfield Rural Life Park

Denise layed out the current plan that she was aware of; Vickie shared a newspaper article & everyone agreed that HCHS wants to participate & be a part of the program

##### Finances

Income for 2013 was 16.9K; and income year to date is 12.3K and current check balance is \$5,162.31

#### Pool House Lease

Tortorich has given a 30 day notice; CoCo will stay some additional days & will pay a pro rated share

Next lease opportunity is in September at \$700/month, no deposit, & will be a month to month with a requirement for a 30 day notice to depart

Shelley motioned to accept the lease, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> & it was approved

#### Keys

The issue of how a new tenant can access the washer and dryer without entering the House came up; the options are to fix the wiring in the pool house or install a deadbolt at entry of House in hall before Kitchen and at sunporch; the house has been found in disarray and dirty on more than one occasion and access needs to be limited

Beverly motioned to have the deadbolts installed, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved

#### Fee Schedule Revisions

Tabled until next meeting & Vickie passed out the questionnaire that she proposes to attach

#### PO Box

Vickie made a motion that HCHS have its own PO Box, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> & it was approved

#### Chimney

Application has to go from the State to the National Park Service for the grant & Vickie has been working through issues brought up by State folks regarding the mortar on the chimneys; the work is complete but we may have additional fees that we may incur to bring the chimney mortar work in compliance with the guidelines

#### Letters to Photographers

Vickie presented the letter that she drafted and a list of the photographers that she will send the letter to

#### Wedding Planners Visit to Carter House

Some September dates were possible – 9 10 ,16 and 17

Vickie talked with Johnathan Taylor about participating

Beverly suggested adding Covington & Northshore vendors to add to the search and to call other plantations for wedding planner names

Shelley to plan the agenda

We can use the note cards as invitations

It was suggested to call the Chocolate Vine & Pastry Bag

Easter Event

Linda & Vickie acknowledged the few donations that we had

Golf Tourney

Still no finalization on money; it takes them time to collect the sponsorships

Flea Market Sale

Suggestion for 10/11 & 10/12 because of no home football games

HCHS & CDD Websites

CoCo will do all of our website updating for \$100 per month plus flyers and will re-work the site for us along with new content and links

Grant Update

HCHS must satisfy the requirement of having the House open 12 times per year & will need to be included as a future agenda topic to schedule the dates to ensure that we are in compliance

Christmas Open House

Dates for the Open House will be 12/5 for the Head Start kids and then the weekend of 12/6 & 12/7

Wal Mart Grant

Applied for a grant on 3/1/14 for 2K & usually takes a while for response

New Cell Phone

We switched to Verizon under Vickie's plan and she plans on taking the yearly cost and donating it under her name to HCHS

Several matters still not fully discussed, but meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm