

Historic Carter House Society Inc.

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 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 2:09 PM.

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

Approval of Minutes

Vickie distributed the Minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting & Beverly motioned for approval of the Minutes as presented with Shelley seconding

New Business

Nightwatchmen

Vickie will check into the process of getting a street light on the post outside of the Carter House

Financial Report

Balance as of September, 2014 is \$22,902.31 which already accounts for a \$100 recent check written

Restoration Project

Vickie met with 2 contractors with regard to the next item on the Restoration Project – Repair/ Replace wood on back and sides of the house – 17' long and in different height, paint & pressure washing of the that side of the house and to replace the back door

First bid received was Ryder & Ryder for \$8,350 for the repair/replacement of the wood & an additional \$2,650 for the paint, pressure wash & replacement of the door & Patrick indicated that he can start 2 days after bid approval

Ronnie Fugarino's bid is still outstanding and Vickie emailed him prior to the meeting but no response was received

Linda motioned to move forward with Ruder & Ryder for the full scope of work and Shelley seconded

Livingston Chamber of Commerce

Vickie opened the discussion and indicated that at the last CDD meeting, the Livingston Chamber President was in attendance. The cost to join the Chamber is \$250. The Chamber President suggested to the CDD that they sponsor HCHS but that was not well received. However, Gillis reiterated the CDD's promise to keep up support of HCHS until it has a larger bank balance

Vickie pointed out that the CDD pays the utilities, insurance, grass & lawn and because of that, she is leaning toward having HCHS join at their own expense. It was agreed that we will join and HCHS will pay the \$250 cost and after the first year we will evaluate the results and report back to the CDD at renewal to determine the membership's effectiveness and the state of our finances. Linda motioned to join the 2015 Livingston Chamber and Vickie seconded.

Letters to Photographers

Vickie printed them and Beverly will mail them

Wedding Planner Event

Shelley gave the results that 9 people attended & Vickie added that she thought that it went well but noted that the planners had commented that they were expecting Brides to be there

So it was discussed that next year, we will pick and choose particular vendors, with brides invited and market the event in all local calendars with a longer lead time

It was noted that Kim with Pastry Bag did a great job

Shelley to contact Maddy at NJoy Events about how much the cost would be to participate in her January bridal show

Vickie was to try to collect as many photos as possible to use for a rotating display in the event that we do participate in the bridal show

New Resident Party

It was discussed that this was very well received with 8 residents in attendance and 1 new membership

Annual Membership Meeting

According to the by-laws, the annual membership meeting must be held in the last quarter of the year. It was decided that this will be held after the Christmas Open House conclusion on December 14, 2014.

Additional Fundraisers

The group decided that we are moving the Flea Market until the spring

Christmas Open House

The dates of December 12 – 14, 2014 were confirmed for the Open House ; Head Start will be on Friday, December 12, 2014 and Vickie is going to ask Tony Calamia to be Santa again this year; Vickie is also going to get with Coco on the flyer for distribution

Facebook

As of 10/16/14 there are 412 Likes & 1 positive review that was very favorable from Kim Sands

Lease of Pool House

The previous tenants did not make their final payment but they left the house in great condition and with more improvements than when their lease started. There is \$112 remaining due and it was agreed, though no formal motion made or passed, that the \$112 be forgiven since HCHS did not have to incur the costs of cleaning

Lease

Erin has signed the lease

Events

Use of the Carter House events hasn't changed other than the fact that there may be no Halloween Party because of lack of interest

November 16, 2014 will be the date of the next meeting prior to the group discussion about the Open House decorating

Annual Membership Meeting will be 12/14/14

Shelley moved to adjourn at 3:32

