

**Historic Carter House Society Inc.**  
*2016 Annual Membership Meeting*  
*December 11, 2016*

Vickie Robinson, Chairman, called to order the meeting of the Historic Carter House Society Inc. (HCHS) held at 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 4:15 PM. Members in attendance were: Vickie Robinson, Annette Fothergill, Carol Lamm, Linda Simoneaux, Jan Pretus, Donna Spencer, Susan Calamia, Charlie Robinson and Jim Gelpi

**Introduction of Officers**

Vickie introduced the present officers of the Historic Carter House Society.

**Membership Drive for 2017**

Vickie will send out an email requesting 2016 members to renew their membership for 2017. Vickie will also email non-members explaining who the Historic Carter House Society is and what we do.

**The Financial Report** - Linda Simoneaux provided a copy of the Income Statement to attendees. Linda advised that the bank balance as of November 30, 2016 was \$17,491.46. Additional expenses and income for December was listed on the income sheet, which are not included in the November balance, and will bring our balance to \$17,649.77 after they are processed through the bank.

**Carter House Restoration Projects**

Vickie advised that the duct work, damaged by the flood, has been repaired and will be paid for by the CDD.

The AC/Heating unit that covers the Dining and Kitchen area no longer works. This unit was undersized for the area it covers. We are in the process of obtaining three bids to replace this unit. Two of the three bids have been received so far. We will proceed to have the unit replaced with the lowest bid after all bids are received.

Vickie voiced concerns with the slow progress on restoring the Pool House. The CDD has taken control of gutting and cleaning the pool house. Questions from the floor as to who owns the Pool House, who insures the pool house and was it covered for flood. Vickie advised that the Pool House is owned and insured by the CDD and they did not have flood insurance. The CDD is waiting to see how much money they will get from FEMA. Vickie advised that she also applied for a Public Assistance Grant for repairs.

**Fundraising Financial Re-cap for 2016**

Linda gave the totals received from the 2016 fundraisers.

Yard Sale	\$1,003.15
Belk's Fundraiser	\$110.00
Game Night Social	\$195.00
Silent Auction	\$2,731.00
Christmas Open House	\$180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,219.15</b>

### **Fundraising Plans for 2017**

Vickie advised the following have been discussed as possible fundraiser for the upcoming year by the board and asked for further suggestions. When the events were mentioned Donna Spencer offered to take the lead on the Style Show scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year. Donna gave some examples of how she had worked with these events in the past.

Game Night	-	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2017
Style Show	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2017 (Donna Spencer will take the lead)
?	-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2017
Christmas Open House	-	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2017

Vickie also pointed out that the CPCA Golf Tournament was not included above. The CPCA selects projects that need to be done at the Carter House and they use a portion of the funds from the Golf Tournament for a project or projects that they decide they want to do. The last two years the CPCA held the funds and used it to repair the pond with the help of the CDD paying a portion of the costs.

Ideas from the floor for other possible fundraisers included:

1. Jim Gelpi suggested we do a raffle
2. Susan Calamia suggested another Silent Auction since it brings in the most revenue.
3. Donna Spencer suggested we try to tie in with other festivals such as the Antique Days in Ponchatoula or the Strawberry Festival.
4. Susan said Springfield Fire Department has a facility for rental use. Suggested maybe a joint fundraiser with the Fire Department – maybe a dance.
5. Annette suggested a bridal show and information was passed along about one that Shelley had planned a couple of years ago but attendance wasn't good. Consideration should be given to trying another and include brides. Participation at other bridal shows had been looked into but most of them were very expensive and not something we could afford.
6. Annette asked if people think of any other ideas for fundraising, please email us.

### **Facebook Report**

Annette has taken over the updating of Facebook from Shelly Simmons who resigned this year. She creates and posts upcoming events on Facebook and answers emails.

### **Schedule Open House Dates for 2017**

It was decided we would check dates on the calendar to make sure they don't conflict with football or other such events. We will assign dates at the next board meeting.

**Election of Officers for 2017**

It was discussed how the majority of the work falls on Vickie. Since we are getting no volunteers to fill the Chairman or any other position on the board, it was suggested that we discuss Vickie's work load at the next board meeting and see what can be eliminated, done by someone else, or pay to have the work done.

The following were nominated by Annette and seconded by Susan. All voted to accept.

Chairman                    Vickie Robinson

Co-Chairman             Annette Bodi

Secretary/Treasurer    Linda Simoneaux

Director (2)              Beverly Burgess

Carol Lamm

Technical Assistant    This will be merged into the Co-Chairman functions.

**Acknowledgements**

Vickie wanted to acknowledge Mike Sharp for all his help in getting the restoration of the pond completed.

**Door Prize**

The winner of the door prize for the Christmas Open House was Bridget Torres. Linda Simoneaux will contact Bridget and bring her the gift.

Next HCHS Board Meeting was not scheduled.

Vickie adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM.