

Historic Carter House Society Inc.

February 9, 2020

Patti Sollie, Secretary, called to order the meeting of the Historic Carter House Society Inc. (HCHS) held at 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 2:41 a.m. The following were in attendance:

Judy Sharp
Patti Sollie
Carol Lamm

Linda Simoneaux
Vickie Robison
Christina Volion

Discussion was held regarding the open positions on the board and it was decided that no action could be taken at this time due to unavailability of Kristen Sharp Anderson, Chairman. This matter was tabled until future board meetings.

Discussion was held regarding the need to shorten flyers, newsletters, and minutes of HCHS in able to draw more people to read important information.

Carol Lamm, Director, made a motion to approve the minutes of the December Annual Meeting. Judy Sharp, Treasurer, seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

The Financial Report was presented by Judy Sharp, who advised that the financial report is the same as reported at the annual meeting on December 11, 2019.

Discussion was held regarding the financial items that are due the first of the year. Judy Sharp advised that the Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce had been paid (\$195.00) and the post office box was paid (\$52.00). Judy advised that she was in the process of filing the annual report with the secretary of state (\$10.00) and website renewal (\$200.00).

Carol Lamm made a motion that Patti Sollie be made agent for service of process for the secretary of state. Judy Sharp seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Judy Sharp advised that the New Year's Eve Party held at the Carter House raised \$350.00 which has been received and deposited.

Discussion was held regarding the insurance and Judy Sharp advised that the liability insurance on the Carter House has been paid. Value of the Carter House has increased, D&O insurance has been added, and HCHS has been added on the policy along with the CDD. Some of the payment was for a portion that the CDD is responsible for and Judy Sharp advised that the CDD agreed to reimburse the HCHS for its portion.

Discussion was held regarding the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and what it states regarding payment of insurance. Patti Sollie agreed to review the document and report on it at the next board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding revising the fee schedule.

Judy Sharp moved to approve the changes to the fee schedule (see attached). The motion was seconded by Carol Lamm and was carried.

Carol Lamm advised that she would contact various organizations such as retirement centers to determine if there is an interest in summer tours and report to the board. Carol Lamm also offered to talk to the Livingston Parish Tourist Information regarding getting information to them regarding the Carter House and report to the board.

The restoration projects and maintenance projects prepared by Vickie Robinson were reviewed and it was decided that the list would be organized by Patti Sollie in groups of roofing, plumbing, carpentry, yard, etc. and would be discussed in detail at the next board meeting. Judy Sharp advised that she would contact roofers and report to the board. Linda Simoneaux advised that she would contact Gene regarding the shutters and report to the board. Judy Sharp advised that she will contact the termite company to take care of the ants.

Discussion of the CPCA golf tournament and the HCHS participation in same was tabled until it was announced by the CPCA.

Discussion of the Style Show was tabled until a future board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a Teddy Bear Tea. Christina Volion suggested that there be a Santa for picture as well as cookie decorating for the children. Food would be tea/hot chocolate, PBJ sandwiches, jelly sandwiches and cheese. Further discussion was tabled until a future board meeting.

Carol Lamm discussed a Halloween Cemetery Stroll. She had done similar events and they were very well received. The stroll would take place in Carter Cemetery where “actors” from the community would dress up as people buried in the cemetery and tell their stories. This was very well received by the board and the board will explore it further at a future board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the sending out of membership letters. Vickie Robinson will send the letters to Patti Sollie for review and she will report to the board.

Linda Simoneaux requested board guidance regarding usage of the Carter House for CPCA social committee events. It was decided that Women’s Wine Wednesday’s will be \$100.00, game night will be a \$10.00 per person donation to the HCHS, and the cost for an event such as New Year’s Eve would be \$325.00. A motion was made by Patti Sollie and seconded by Judy Sharp. The motion was carried.

It was decided that the “Did You Know” series would begin in the March newsletter. Patti Sollie will provide suggestions to the board for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m. by Patti Sollie.