

Historic Carter House Society Inc.
Minutes of Board Meeting
October 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Carter House

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 10:05 a.m. The following were in attendance:

Judy Sharp	Linda Simoneaux
Patti Sollie	Sandy Cusick
Eric Swanson	Anna Papp
Beverly Burges	Marta Swanson
Carol Lamm	Dorothy Sledge

Discussion was held regarding the resignation of Kristin Sharp Anderson as Chair of the board. Patti Sollie introduced Eric Swanson and nominated Mr. Swanson to be elected as the new Chair of the board. Patti Sollie, Secretary, moved to accept Eric Swanson as the new Chair. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Sledge, member. The motion was carried and Eric Swanson was elected as the new Chair of the Historic Carter House Society Inc.

Beverly Burgess, Director, moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2020 Meeting. Judy Sharp, Treasurer, seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

The Financial Report was presented by Judy Sharp, who explained the expenses for maintenance (plumbing, air conditioner and power washing) and restoration work (closets and bee removal). Patti Sollie, Secretary moved to approve the financial report. Beverly Burgess, Director, seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Discussion was held regarding the new fee schedule discussed at the February 9, 2020 meeting. Anna Papp, member, moved to approve the fee schedule. Dorothy Sledge, member, seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Discussion was held regarding the various repairs to the Carter House per the attached repair list. It was decided that Eric Swanson would manage the repairs to the house starting with the leak in the roof and the repair/replacing of the shutters. Discussion was held regarding the very large increase in the quote for the shutters. It was decided that Eric Swanson would contact Gene Powell to discuss employing Mr. Powell as a general contractor on all the repairs. Gene Powell's contact information is:

Gene Powell
E. Powell Consulting, LLC
23853 Carter Trace
Springfield, LA 70462
504-715-1078
Powellpop1@att.net

Eric Swanson will report back to the board regarding his discussions with Gene Powell and prices for the main repairs needed—roof leak and shutter repair.

Discussion was held regarding the Christmas Open House. It was discussed that December 6th and December 13th should be dates for the Open House. However, there is a tentative rental for the 6th so Judy Sharp will contact the potential rental and give them until Wednesday, October 7th to decide and the board will either schedule or not schedule December 6th for an open house depending on the response. Linda Simoneaux will contact the Head Start (Melvina) to see if they can and want to have a Santa day (possibly December 11th) for the students. She will report back to the board. Anna Papp will contact a friend of hers regarding being Santa and will report back to the board.

Discussion was held regarding decorating the house for Christmas and all in attendance want to help. Rooms were assigned per the attached. It was agreed that the decorations need to be in place prior to Thanksgiving for the rental of December 5th. Beverly Burgess will contact the fire department and request their help to bring the decorations down again this year and will report back to the board.

Discussion was held regarding advertising for the Open House. Patti Sollie agreed to make flyers when the dates were confirmed. It was decided that we would attach flyers to the mailboxes in the Carter Plantation neighborhood. Also, we will attempt to get the flyers up in stores in the Springfield, Ponchatoula and Hammond areas. Sandy Cusick agreed to contact Country Road about getting the Open House advertised and/or put on the calendar in the magazine. Eric Swanson agreed to contact Jonathan (“JT”) Taylor at the Livingston Parish Tourist Information Center about get the flyers in the center.

It was decided that we would not have a Teddy Bear Tea as discussed at the February 9, 2020 meeting due to COVID-19 but will revisit this at a future date.

Discussion was held about a New Year’s Eve party and it was decided that Patti Sollie would reach out to Linda Mundinger and the social committee for a decision.

Discussion was held about a possible Mother/Daughter tea to be held around Mother’s Day. This discussion of this event was tabled until after the Christmas Open House.

Discussion was held about a possible Cemetery Stroll to be held in March. Patti Sollie will obtain the information of the contact at the cemetery from Beverly Burgess and discuss the possibility of such an event with the contact. Further discussion of this event was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Discussion was held about a possible Wine and Beer Tasting event in April. Martz Swanson agreed to contact various vendor’s and obtain information about the logistics of such an event. Further discussion of this event was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Sandy Cusick suggested that we host a Kentucky Derby party complete with hats and mint juleps. The Derby will be May 1, 2021. Marta Swanson indicated that she had a contact with Sony and she will contact this person to get details about using/renting a blow up projection screen. Further discussion of this event was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Anna Papp suggested a small crafts fair to be held in November and she will look into the possibilities of this event further and report to the board. Patti Sollie suggested that the Carter House have a booth that will sell t-shirts, ornaments, bags, etc. Patti Sollie agreed to look into the price of such items. Further discussion of this event was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Discussion was held a possible Scavenger Hunt in June. There was a previous event, but the participants were a bit aggressive in driving around the neighborhood. It was decided that, if such event is held, no cars will be used but it will be a golf cart only event. Further discussion of this event was tabled until after the Open House.

Discussion was held regarding Game Nights (both adult and family). Patti Sollie will get with the social committee and report back to the board.

Judy Sharp will contact the Secretary of State and make the change regarding Eric Swanson and Chair and change Patti Sollie's address.

Judy Sharp has contacted the woman who handles are website to obtain log in information but has not heard from her. Her contact information is:

Amber Narro
Red Dragon
985-5500

Judy Sharp will share this information with the board.

Patti Sollie will contact the Shelley Simmons who set up the Facebook account to obtain log in information. Her contact information is:

Shelley Simmons
225-953-3851
info@shelleysells.com
or shelley-simmons@hotmail.com

Patti Sollie will share this information with the board.

Marta Swanson offered to set up the Carter House with an Instagram account. She will report back to the board after this is completed.

Judy Sharp will contact the First Bank & Trust and obtain new signature cards to include Eric Swanson and Patti Sollie and, after signing, Judy Sharp will return the signature cards to the bank.

Discussion was briefly held about brochures to give to the Tourist Information Center. Patti Sollie will work on some ideas and present them to the board at a future meeting.

Discussion was held regarding upcoming rental opportunities for the Carter House and the pool house. Judy advised that she is showing the house this weekend and will report back to the board regarding this opportunity. Future rental for the Carter House are as follows:

October 31st – Linda Munding
December 5th – Angele Pearce for her annual Christmas Party
December 6th – Someone name Meghan has contacted Judy but no firm rental agreement
December 6th – Open House if no rental
December 13th – Open House

The next HCHS Board Meeting will be November 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. by Patti Sollie.