

**Historic Carter House Society Inc.**  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
July 11, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at Carter House

Eric Swanson, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Historic Carter House Society Inc. (HCHS) held at 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 4:32 p.m. The following were in attendance:

Eric Swanson	Anna Papp
Patti Sollie	Vicki Robinson
Christina Volion	Beverly Burgess
Sue Hickman	Dorothy Sledge
Judy Sharp	Susan Calamia
Carlyn Hardy	Marta Swanson

A discussion was held, led by Eric Swanson, Chair, as the continual removal of furniture from the Carter House. Beverly Burgess informed the board that the only other furniture that she will remove from the Carter House, besides all that has already been removed, is the plantation desk in the front room and the pie cabinet in the kitchen. Eric Swanson and Patti Swanson informed Beverly Burgess that it was very difficult to continue to have to redo the tour every time she removes a period piece from the Carter House and replaces it with non-period furniture or moved furniture around without input from Eric Swanson and Patti Sollie, who actually do all the tours. Again, Beverly Burgess reiterated that she would not remove any other furniture, pictures or other items from the Carter House.

Beverly Burgess, Board Member, requested that the monies that were donated in memory of her son, Beau Burgess, be made into a brick walk with the names of the donors inscribed on the bricks. Beverly Burgess would like to see the brick walk to be out by the bird bath. At the mention of the bird bath, Patti Sollie, Secretary, mentioned that she and Judy Sharp suggest that the bird bath be removed and a concrete statute of a woman in a flowing dress (reminiscent of Amanda) be purchased to replace the bird bath. However, Eric Swanson suggested that the brick walk and statute should be placed on hold until the roof is fixed as it is the most important item at this time.

Patti Sollie, Secretary, moved to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2021, meeting. Dorothy Sledge, Member, seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Patti Sollie, Secretary, moved to approve the financial report. Judy Sharp, Treasurer, seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Patti Sollie, Secretary, informed the board she had met with the appraiser for the insurance company and that he indicated that the insurance company would repair part of the roof due to wind damage but that she had not yet received a report from IPG, the insurance company for the Carter House.

Patti Sollie, Secretary, informed the board that, prior to the roof being fixed, several trees needed to be trimmed. Specifically, the water oak on the left side of the house that has a limb hanging over the house, the magnolia tree at the rear left corner of the house, the 2 trees at both the front corners of the house and the tree at the rear right corner of the pool house. Patti Sollie further informed the board that she had gotten an estimate from Eunice Lawn Care for \$1,300 which, in her opinion, was quite good considering that they would have to rent a lift to get to the limbs since they cannot get up on the roof without risk of doing further damage to the slate roof. Eric Swanson, Chair, moved to approve the estimate and move forward with the tree trimming. Judy Sharp, Treasurer, seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Patti Sollie will contact Antonio Gonzales (504-201-5541) and set it up.

Eric Swanson, Chair, informed the board that the refrigerator needs to be replaced as it continues to trip the breaker. Judy Sharp, Treasurer, agrees to take care of getting a new refrigerator. Patti Sollie, Secretary, made a motion to buy a new refrigerator. Judy Sharp, Treasurer, seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Beverly Burgess asked that the dishwasher be replaced also. However, both Eric Swanson and Patti Sollie suggested that the replacement of the dishwasher should wait until the roof be fixed as it is the most important item at this time.

Patti Sollie, Secretary, informed that board that while the appraiser was at the house, that he recommended that we get a carpenter to do extensive repair on each of the dormers as they were rotten. It was suggested that Gene Powell could help with finding a competent carpenter who does restoration work.

The Fall Crafts Fair/Open House was discussed at length. Anna Papp agreed to head the crafts fair again that will be held in conjunction with the open house on December 5, 2021 from noon to 5:00. Anna will also arrange for the Santa for both the December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> open houses from 2:00 to 4:00. Patti Sollie will deliver the crafts fair information from last year to Anna Papp.

The Teddy Bear Tea was discussed by chair of the event, Christian Volion. She will provide a list of items that she needs for the tea at the next meeting so people can sign up to donate cookies, hot chocolate, etc. The event will be held in conjunction with the open house on December 12, 2021.

The Cemetery Stroll to be held on October 30, 2021, was briefly discussed by Patti Sollie, Secretary, as Carol Lamm, co-chair of the event was not present. More information will be supplied at the next meeting.

Eric Swanson, Chair, advised that he had met with Gnarly Barley Brewing Company about doing a beer pairing event at the clubhouse that will benefit the Carter House. Eric Swanson is obtaining information about the availability of Gnarly Barley and the clubhouse and will report to the board at the next meeting.

The next board meeting will be August 15, 2021 at 4:00 at the Carter House.

As the board meeting was about to adjourn, Beverly Burgess informed the board that she was also donating the items in the china cabinet and other history items to Southeastern (see paragraph 1 above).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 by Eric Swanson, Chair.