

Historic Carter House Society Inc.
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2022

Judy Sharp, Treasurer, called to order the meeting of Historic Carter House Society Inc (HCHS) held at 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 12:35 PM.

Attendance: Judy Sharp, Carol Lamm, Linda Simoneaux, Chasity Chauvin, Susan Phillips, and Valerie William.

Minutes

The November 14, 2021, meeting minutes were emailed to everyone in attendance. Motion to approve the minutes – Linda Simoneaux
Seconded – Susan Phillips
Approved by All

Financial Report

Judy Sharp presented a copy of the financial report to everyone.
Motion to approve financials – Linda Simoneaux
Seconded – Carol Lamm
Approved by All

Membership

Judy advised we presently have 22 members. Discussion was held on creating a Welcome Basket for new residents from the Carter House. It could contain the Carter House brochure & membership application, Carter House Coffee Mug, Gift Cards, or something along those lines. Linda will check with Vickie to see if the Brochure information is current and correct and if she has a file of the brochure. Valerie said that Josh Randell works for Southeastern, and they do printing at a cheap rate. Once we have corrected information, Valerie will check with Randell on cost and printing of new brochures.

Christmas Open House

The Christmas Open House made \$325, expenses \$100 (Santa), net \$225.

Nomination & Election of Officers for 2022

Chairman – Linda Simoneaux nominated Judy Sharp

Vice Chairman – Linda Simoneaux nominated Chasity Chauvin
Director – Linda Simoneaux nominated Susan Phillips
Director – Linda Simoneaux nominated Valerie William
Secretary/Treasurer – Carol Lamm nominated Linda Simoneaux
All nominations were seconded by Carol Lamm
Approved by All

Acknowledgment

The Board extended thanks to Carol Lamm for serving on the board the last five years. Carol said she will still be an active member and will continue to do tours.

Louisiana PA Grant

Vickie was unable to attend the meeting. She provided a list of the FEMA Categories of Damage Repairs along with a report that listed items where she has contacted contractors for estimates to replace/repair damages associated with Hurricane Ida. The list was distributed to everyone at the meeting. Linda said Vickie advised that someone from FEMA came out to the Carter House this week to measure and assess damages. She was encouraged in talking to FEMA that they are trying to get the process moving so we can get money to start our repairs.

Restoration & Maintenance for 2022

Vickie furnished a repair list for the Carter House & Guest House. Some items have been completed the last couple of years while she was no longer chairman, and the complete dates are missing. These need to be researched and the spreadsheet updated. Also, a list of annual maintenance items for both the Carter House and Guest House were attached. Copies were distributed to the new board members.

Tour Guide

Carol Lamm completed the revision to the Tour Guide. She presented a copy. Linda will scan and email to all board members. Copies will be made and available at the Carter House.

Fundraising Ideas

EASTER FUNDRAISER

Date - Sunday – April 10, 2022, Easter Egg Hunt/Pictures with the Easter Bunny and Craft Fair

Craft Vendors – Linda will get a list of vendors from Anna that participated in the Christmas 2020 Craft Fair.

Pictures– Valerie will check with Jan Husser on taking pictures.

Easter Bunny– Valerie will price out the cost of an Easter Bunny Outfit and will check with the school on getting a volunteer to earn community service hours.

Carter Plantation Easter Brunch– Valerie will check with Kim to see if CP would be willing to have an Easter Brunch on the same date and do cross advertising between their brunch and our event.

Eggs & Candy– Valerie will check on this.

Pricing – Craft Booth Rental \$25

Cost per child for Easter Egg Hunt \$10, Parents free

Cost for Pictures \$5

Venmo/PayPal etc. Valerie suggested we have this so people can do one transaction via their phones to pay for entrance fee/pic/booth sales. Judy Sharp will check on this.

Other fundraising idea discussed.

Teddy Bear Tea at Christmas – Talk to Christiana about this event since the one she was going to do got cancelled due to Covid.

Golf Tournament – The board discussed and felt this might be too big of an undertaking with our limited membership and resources right now.

Second Craft Fair in the Fall or at Christmas if this one does well.

Summer Activities for the Kids. Painting at the Carter House. Valeria knows an artist who does this.

Coffee at the Carter House – Open house with Coffee & Pastries in the morning.

New Business

Update GeauxBiz – Judy will handle this and obtained all the new board members addresses to input into the GeauxBix database.

New Grant Committee – It was decided to create a Grant Committee which is responsible for working with Federal, State, and local agencies on obtaining grants to assist in the repairs and restoration of the Carter House.

Judy Sharp appoints Vickie Robinson as Chairman of the Grant Committee. Vickie has experience handling Grants. She is extremely knowledgeable of the Carter House and has a working relationship with representatives from FEMA having served many years as Chairman of the HCHS. She is well organized and detailed in her

reports.
New Board Members will need to sign up at First Bank & Trust for signature privileges. Judy will get the paperwork from the bank for the board to sign.
Assign phone & calendar until next meeting.

Assigned to Linda

Judy advised that Vickie has been discussing upgrading the phone.
Vickie & Charlie Robinson have been donating the phone & paying the bill for the HCHS. Linda will get with Vickie and discuss.

Advertising

Carol pointed out how the HCHS needs to do a better job of advertising.

Suggestions presented

Signs = Get signs made for events and place them around Springfield, not just by the curve. Chasity will check on cost 4-5 signs at Sign World.

Create a contacts List for Newspapers and Magazines. Linda said she will check with Vickie who has worked with the various newspaper and magazines in the past.

Gift Basket welcoming new residents to Carter with information on the HCHS, Applications to Join, CH Mug or CH Gift notes, etc.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 1:50 PM