

Cherokee County Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting

16 September, 2008

Meeting Minutes

On 16 September, 2008 the Board of Directors held a scheduled meeting at 6:30pm at the Rock Barn in Canton.

In attendance

Were Vice President Carla Barnes, Secretary Liza Griffin, Historical Society Executive Director Stefanie Joyner, Directors Mary Johnston, Mark Moore, Scott Evans, Joan Ahrens, Kathy Day, Hazel Cochran and Karen Smithwick.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Vice President Carla Barnes.

Minutes from previous meeting were available.

New Business

❖ Picnic

- Awesome, more than 100 people attended, picture “this place matters” is already in new membership brochure. Ball Ground Methodist Church got all leftovers and was very appreciative.

❖ Funding Cuts

- Funding from the county was cut % 10 or \$2500
- Funding from the city was cut \$1500 to \$3500
 - It was noted that the Arts Council did not get cut and will be receiving \$10,000.
 - Stefanie stated she would write a letter to the city indicating the number of persons drawn to the Rock Barn and to the archives at the office. The Rock Barn attracts ~1200/2 weeks.
 - Scott Evans noted that the funding cuts should not be a static number but should be proportional to the declining receipts of the hotel/motel tax.
- Discussion took place concerning the negative balance of ~\$22,000 in the operating budget.
 - A reserve exists of approximately \$25000 in certificates of deposit and stock.
 - Some of these reserves were used for Stefanie’s salary.
 - Meghan’s hours may be cut to part time in January of 2009.
 - Stefanie stated that the Anderson property issue may be coming to a close soon indicating that would bring in \$149,000 of which, \$135,000 is owed on the property that was purchased next to the Rock Barn. Currently, the Society is paying \$800/month on an interest only loan for that property.

- ❖ Jones Collection- Canton Cotton Mill Exhibit
 - Skip Spears mentioned to Louis and Amy Jones whose father recently passed away that the Historical Society would be interested in donations to their archives. The Jones' have many items of historical value in the house including blueprints from the Mill, maps, letters, clothes, etc..
 - Stefanie and Meghan were invited to the home on the 11th and 15th of September.
 - Stefanie suggested that perhaps a grant could be obtained to archive donations received.

Old Business

- ❖ Anderson property-discussed previously in minutes.
- ❖ Society Soirees
 - Six events are planned to this point, schedule is available online. All are hoping that these will be ongoing, Cobb Landmark's "Look Who's Coming to Dinner" model has two per month.
 - Carla Barnes reported that the schedule of soirees is coming along very well,
 - The first soiree, the Cotton Ball will be held on 22 November
 - The space, Mill #1 of the Canton Cotton Mills is currently occupied by J&L Electric who will allow us to use the space rent free. Carla and Mark state that the location is phenomenal.
 - Helen Spears is working on the event with many other volunteers.
 - Mark Moore's band will play at no charge.
 - The Canton Trolley will be available to transport guests to and from the parking area.
 - Approximately 200 tickets will be available to purchase at \$30.
 - Sales are open to members first.
 - Stefanie stated that the new cookbook and Canton Cotton Mills book will be available for sale at the event.
 - CCHS could also raffle the quilt that was donated to the society by the Crazy Quilters.
 - Mark Moore suggested that we could perhaps do a small live auction of three items in order to raise more money.
- ❖ Membership Meeting
 - October 14th.
 - Todd Gross from the Georgia Historical Society will present CCHS an archival excellence award! He will also speak about WWII.
 - The press will be notified so that the event and the award will be publicized.
- ❖ Update on publications
 - Canton Cotton Mill Book
 - Completed by November, all that's left to do is put it together and get it to the publishers.

- Cookbook is at the publishers,
 - it cost \$9.50 per copy to publish
 - Hazel suggested that the going rate for cookbooks is \$24.95
 - Walking Tour brochure almost complete, many errors were found by Nell McGruder, once these are corrected, brochure will be ready to go to the printers.
 - Membership brochure is nearly complete in its redesign. Once complete, it will be off to the printers as well.
- ❖ Committee Reports
- Historic Sites
 - Stefanie would like suggestions from individuals for locations that should be included in the Endangered Sites list. This list will enable the society to call individuals to task for letting properties fall into disrepair or be demolished.
 - Oral Histories
 - Stefanie reported Richard Wright from Reinhardt College is interested in collecting oral histories and creating a history room at the College. He could be an excellent contact.
 - Liza stated that a rough draft policy and procedure for the committee had been created but that was all at this point.
- ❖ Other notes from the meeting included
- A new intern, Andrea from KSU is working now. She must complete 150 hours of hands on work with the society.
 - Scott Evans suggested a possible fundraiser could be selling history lessons (travelling exhibits) to home school companies for students who must complete a set number of study hours in Georgia history.
 - An acquaintance, Vered Klienberger owns her own company: Home School Excursions, is a contact who could be of help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm by Vice President Carla Barnes.