

NCHS Retreat - Board Meeting Minutes 02-02-2008

Present: Marvin, Elizabeth, Pamela, Mark, Laurie, Dan, Martha Ann, Sam, Wendee, John, Audrey, Jan 12/19 Q

Mark called meeting to order.

Mark reviewed last retreats summation. Pluses and Minuses of NCHS.

Dan – Consultants study of NCHS artifacts pointed to lack of security at museum; storage at Wachovia vault; preservation – curation.

- Home security system inadequate
- No sprinkler system
- "Motion detectors" needed
- Security code known by too many people
- Last theft 2005 buttons cut from uniform

Consultant's recommendations

- Move security box inside
- Alarms on cases
- Increase insurance civil war weapons
- Change code regularly
- Install sprinklers
- Improve Air conditionals
- Install Humidifiers / de-humidifiers

Mark setup committee to further review consultant's study and move forward

- Laurie volunteered doing the more detailed review for the museum

Dan don't forget curation of our artifacts

- Specific location for storage
- Improved history center environment
- Laurie will do security, environment

Jan's sister. Laurie recommended contacting LOC or AHC creating a "traveling exhibit" as publicity for community and NCHS plus additional revenue stream.

John suggested taking steps to improve History Center.

- Dan problems with location to train and damage to exhibits;
Need to seal the concrete slab; maintenance on brick;
- Sam the History Center needs improved landscaping.
- John is going to evaluate the History center for improvements.

Dan question on Hollis house. Is it a potential source of revenue?

John question can we use Wadsworth 2009 concert to help as source of revenue?

- Martha Ann using Wadsworth concert to benefit helping NCHS;
- Cocktail party; better publicity – illustrate renderings of improved facility.

Elizabeth reviewed rental of the History Center March 1st, July, October. Laurie NCHS took in \$10. Mark, Elizabeth do you have list of who has been renting HC leverage them as contacts.

Pamela wants to work on doing of Capital planning.

Mark to send thank you to retiring board members

- Jason Pyron
- Jack Overman
- Tom Lee
- Fritz Thum

Suggested new board members to be invited to next board meeting

- Jason Freeman
- Holly Lewis (LaGrange street)
- Paula Hogan
- Carol Healy
- Ronnie Cage
- Sam at the Costume Shoppe
- Christy Pruett
- Catty Hubble

Marvin suggested having quarterly board meetings; monthly executive board meeting; monthly committee meetings;

Following Officers for 2008

- Pamela P
- John VP
- Laurie T (acting)
- Andy S (acting)

Elizabeth asked Wendee to provide a monthly report of the visitors to the Male Academy & expressed how important the attendance is for grant opportunities.

A Greenville Street resident contacted the museum to inform of the historic markers. She has found a company to replicate & was inquiring if Historic is interested. Wendee will get additional information from her.

Elizabeth asked when the museum was to be cleaned. Wendee said cleaning lady scheduled next week.

Elizabeth needs someone to write nomination for the Chalk Level Grant. Dan Dietz offered to work on it. The Atkinson marker for downtown needs to be condensed to 110 words. Laurie Pope will re-work & submit.

Dan said the City is revamping the historic signs for downtown & wants us to print a brochure for tour w/map.

Miss Audrey grabbed her purse & we were adjourned!

Respectfully submitted