

The Newnan Coweta Historical Society
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2012

The Newnan Coweta Historical Society Board meeting was held on March 6, 2012 at the History Center. President Dan Dietz opened the meeting at 7:05PM with the following board members in attendance: Laurie Pope, Tom Camp, Sarah LaMance, Mike Barber, Ray DuBose, Bette Hickman, Martha Ann Parks, JoAnn Ray, Barbara Tumperi, Jan Bowyer and David Albright (excused late arrival). Pamela Prange, Hollis Furnishings Museum Coordinator, was also in attendance.

Minutes of the February 9, 2012 board meeting were reviewed. Pres. Dietz asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. The following corrections were made:
Under Update on City Art "Horse Sculpture" Project by Barbara:
Wording on sentence: 25 (24 purchased with 1 horse given in kind) horses sculptures sold with current *profit* (corrected to read) **gross** of \$63,000.

Spelling correction on name Robert Lu Hahn to Robert Lujan

Under Sesquicentennial section board member Gary Reno's last name is to be corrected to Renno.

Under Financial Report Treas. Laurie Pope requested the removal of a portion of the following sentence: Laurie to review total ticket sales and *reason for discrepancies* with Don Nixon and staff. Corrected to read: Laurie to review total ticket sales with Don Nixon and staff.

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Pres. Dietz asked for a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Tom Camp made the motion to accept the minutes with Ray DuBose seconding the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Pope informed the board that he had met with Don Nixon to review the ticket sales on the January 2012 Jefferson program. Issue has been resolved.

Treas. Pope went through a very detailed explanation of the monthly financial report explaining *account balances, segregated funds and available cash*.

Pres. Dietz asked for motion to accept the monthly treasurers' report. Motion was made by Tom Camp and seconded by Mike Barber.

Old Business

Lincoln/Jefferson – Contract

Pres. Dietz reported that the contract (\$1900) with CPVA and Don Nixon has been signed for the upcoming Abraham Lincoln performance. The performance will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

Sarah LaMance, Pamela Prange and Pres. Dietz met with Don Nixon to explore a future program on General Robert E. Lee. At this time there is no definite date or contract. Pres. Dietz asked for assistance from fellow board members obtaining sponsorships to fund the program. Several names were shared and this topic will be explored further.

Horse Affair – Barbara Tumperi

Barbara informed the board members that sixteen horses thus far have been painted by their artist. The horses will be moved out to SouthTowne Motors to have 2 clear coats of urethane applied. Barbara stated insurance will be taken out to cover any vandalism and liability associated with the horses. A Horse Affair Recognition Party will be held on Thursday, April 19th at Barbara Tumperi's home for all NCHS Board Members, Artist and Sponsors. The party will be from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Pres. Dietz is concerned on the unveiling of the horses in downtown Newnan with possible other events already scheduled. This matter will be further discussed within the Horse Affair subcommittee.

Sesquicentennial Committee – Jan Bowyer

Jan shared with fellow board members what took place this past Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Civil War Film Fest held at the Carnegie Library. Three movies were shown beginning at 10AM, 1PM and the final movie at 4P. Publix's at Newnan Crossing Blvd. graciously donated donuts and cookies to be used during the day. Coffee, lemonade, popcorn was also provided for the movie goers. Two history teachers: Jim Rew from Northgate High School, and, Troy Cornwell from Newnan High School introduced the films and offered a questions and answer period after the films.

McRitchee/Hollis Museum Furnishing – Pamela Prange

Pamela gave a report on the following: \$6,000 paid for a baby grand piano and outdoor furniture from the Blackwell home. (Money from Hollis Estate Expense)

Thomasson family has expressed a willingness to loan family pieces currently in storage to be used in the house. Possible pieces would include: light fixture, furnishings, 11' x 19' Rug, 8' x 11' Rug, and a large needlepoint tri-fold screen.

Pamela is working with Home Depot on a sponsorship to design a 1938 kitchen for the large house and a commercial kitchen for the Gray Cottage.

Pres. Dietz requested a motion be made for an expense account with a beginning balance of \$150,000 for the purpose of furnishing the house. Motion was made by Tom Camp and seconded by Bette Hickman. Discussion followed. Motion was approved.

Programs – Sarah LaMance

Sarah gave a report on the February 23, 2012 program in conjunction with Black History Month. The story about Dr. John Jordan drew a good local crowd. Unfortunately, Johnny Waits of the Flat Rock Community in Lithonia arrived quite late and many of the attendees had left. However, the program was very informative and the refreshments were outstanding. A suggestion was made by Jan Bowyer to produce map/directions to Newnan and the History Center to be mailed or emailed to all future program speakers.

Logo/Website – Dan Dietz

Dan reported work is still in progress on the logo. Dan has requested that Andy Whitlock (website manager) remove *nchistorysociety* and replace with

newnancowetahistoricalsociety. Dan also asked fellow board members if they want their phone numbers and email addresses to be listed on the website. Discussion followed with the decision to remove them from the website.

Children's Museum – Dan Dietz

Dan stated this project is still in the planning stages. It is not even determined where it will be located. Dan has requested the board not state publicly any remarks concerning the location of the children's museum.

A Sporting Driving Day – Dan Dietz

This event will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 10AM to 3:30PM. Pat Cheatham did a presentation during our February board meeting. Dan asked if anyone would be willing to assist with this event. It was determined that the NCHS would not volunteer to direct traffic, clean up, etc., but, the costume crew has been asked to be available and provide information on NCHS and the history of carriages in Coweta County.

Tour of Homes – Pamela Prange

Pamela informed the board that 7 houses have been selected for the April 28, 2012 tour. They are the following: Jim & Katie Allen (1090 Hwy 29N); Laurie & Dorothy Pope (20 Fontaine Drive); Tom & Yvette Camp (7578 Hwy 54); Jon & Geri Moss (32 Nimmons St.); Lauren Carlson (6 Reese St.); Millie Freeman (2 Woodlane Dr.) and Debbie Vines (68 First Ave.). JoAnn Ray has contacted the Driftwood Garden Club and asked them to make floral arrangements for each home. Captains have been appointed for each home with the responsibility of coordinating the docents for tour day. Pamela stated 2 trolleys will be in service during the time of the tour from 2PM to 8PM. The cost of the trolley/tour ticket is \$25. The trolley will make two trips during the course of the tour. The 2012 NCHS tour will be held from 2PM to 8PM.

Tom Camp kindly expressed an offer to hold a Costume Party on Friday, April 20th at his 1840 historic home. Tickets would be sold. Discussion and future plans will be held with Pamela.

New Business

Bylaws: Pres. Dietz has requested that Tom Camp and Sarah LaMance review the NCHS bylaws.

NCHS Scholarship: Pres. Dietz has asked Sarah LaMance and Carol Healy to review the scholarship applications. Presently we have received one from Newnan High School and two from East Coweta.

The Gathering: Pres. Dietz reviewed with fellow board members the concern over the April 21st rental of the History Center. After discussion on the pro's and con's of whether to allow the scheduled event to be held at the History Center; the majority of the board felt we should move forward and allow the event to take place.

Other:

Construction Chair David Albright stated bids were received from three general contractors on contract work for the Peniston House: Headley Construction, Tomco Construction, and

Steed Construction. Lichtey Bros. did not submit a bid. The bids that were submitted ranged from \$667,203.00 to \$695,986 (4% spread). Headley Construction was selected with the following bid of \$695,986.

Motion was made by David Albright that the Newnan-Coweta Historical Society Facilities Committee enter into negotiations with Headley Construction Co. with the goal of executing a contract for construction not to exceed \$650,000 for this McRitchie-Hollis Furnishings Museum Renovation. Motion seconded by Ray DuBose. The motion carried.

Discussion followed:

1. Martha Ann Parks asked David a question regarding a wall in the Peniston House. Is the wall to be removed? David answered yes.
2. Ray DuBose asked if they had considered "Value Engineering". David answered yes.
3. Martha Ann Parks asked if the concerns and issues with the city codes had been resolved. David answered yes.
4. JoAn Ray asked if Headley Construction might apply for a matching historical grant for the construction project. President Dietz stated he would check into the possibility.

David Albright made a motion that the magnolia trees on the front lawn of the Peniston House remain as they are at the present time. Laurie Pope seconded the motion. President Dietz asked if there was any discussion. No discussion followed. A vote was called with the majority in favor and 1 NO vote by Barbara Tumperi. Motion carried.

President Dietz adjourned the meeting at 9:05PM.

Respectively submitted,
Jan Bowyer, Acting Secretary