

Newnan Coweta Historical Society  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
April 1, 2014

Present: Keri Adams, Mike Barber, Tom Camp, Lauren Carlsen, Ray DuBose, Robert Hancock, Lisa Harwell, Jeremy Henson, Bette Hickman, Sarah LaMance, Peter Ludlow, Dorothy Pope, Laurie Pope, Pam Prang

President Sarah LaMance called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to approve the financial report for January which had been given to members at the last meeting. There were no questions and the report was approved.

Sarah introduced Dorothy Pope, Curator, who described what she does for NCHS.

Jan Bowyer reported on the activities of the Sesquicentennial Committee and passed to each Board member a folder containing information on those activities. If you did not receive a folder, contact Jan ([jrbowyer@yahoo.com](mailto:jrbowyer@yahoo.com)).

Newnan High School History Club sponsors and club president gave an update on their upcoming exhibit at the Male Academy Museum opening 10 May.

Robert reported on upcoming work at the Artist-in-Residence Cottage . He asked that he be able to pay workers without having to have Board approval for each check. The motion was made as an exception to the current policy.

At this point it was realized in Martha Ann's absence no one was taking minutes; Dorothy Pope volunteered to do so.

The motion to pay workers on the Artist-in-Residence Cottage without Board approval for each check was seconded and unanimously approved.

Robert reported that we need to have portions of the McRitchie Hollis house repainted. Laurie asked what the estimated cost would be. Robert thought no more than \$2,000. Tom Camp stated that the internal repair and painting had been approved while he was President and that no additional approval should be required. The board concurred,

Sarah announced that a Collection Committee had been formed with Robert as Chair and asked Robert for a report. Robert said he, Tom Camp, Pat Yancey and Dr. Ann McCleary were on the Committee and invited anyone else interested to join. Dorothy and Keri volunteered and included Jeff. Robert opened for discussion the idea of turning the upstairs portion of the house into exhibit space and having the downstairs as event rental space with better furniture and art. He said the committee would meet and form a plan.

Keri asked that any work that is planned to be done on the house be coordinated with the staff so they can insure the safety of the objects presently on exhibit.

Laurie requested an estimate be provided to make the upstairs bathrooms functional. Tom said we can get a draw from the city to pay for these renovations (painting/plumbing). Laurie explained that we are allowed only two draws a year. The procedure is to pay the expense and every six months request

reimbursement for all expenses related to McRitchie Hollis from the city. It was noted the Board had already approved this work being done.

Jeff reported the Thank You letters to people renewing memberships had gone out as have the reminders to those who have not renewed. Renewals are trickling in daily. Bette reported between 60 and 70 parents and family members of her art students were at the 22 March event highlighting her student's art work on exhibit at McRitchie Hollis.

Jeremy made the suggestion we include a decal with membership renewals and provided three samples. He said they could probably be done for less than \$1 each. Jeremy has taken the horse Bette painted from the front of 41 Clark Street to be repaired. It's ear had been broken off..

Pam reported she had met with Cleatus Phillips regarding the city doing work on 41 Clark St. The city hired an inspector at her request. The report indicated the electrical and plumbing were in good shape as was the structure of the building. Pam said the city has agreed to repair the front porch. Bill Grasso has said he will remove the carpet, redo the floors and paint the downstairs room of 41 Clark St for free. Pam has enlisted Barbara Tumperi to head the next fund-raising event (painted locomotives). She has also asked someone to enlist artists.

Compensation for Jeff & Keri was discussed and approved; Jeff from \$15 an hour to \$18 an hour; Keri from \$12 an hour to \$15 an hour. Robert made the motion; Tom seconded. There was discussion as to how they would be paid, as 1099 contractors or as W-2 employees. Increasing Keri's hours was also approved; how many is to be determined by Jeff. The change in Jeff's title from Coordinator to Director was postponed until after the Strategic Plan.

There was discussion on presenting the latest donation to NCHS, an Italian painting owned originally by Dan Manget. It was suggested a party with an unveiling might be in order.

The purchase of 20 mannequins for \$2,000 was approved.

Laurie presented the financial report with the request the contents be kept confidential. Copies were passed to Board members. He announced at our current rate of spending/income, we have approximately 17-18 months of operating capitol remaining. The report was approved.

Laurie asked that the subject of the Children's Museum be reopened for discussion as NCHS has no resources or money to have another museum and the Board needed to revisit the fact with all this work being done. Sarah announced the decision had been made and there would be no further discussion.

Sarah closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Dorothy Pope for  
Martha Ann Parks, Secretary