

NCHS Board Meeting – May 1, 2012

Present – Dan, Sarah, Andy, Laurie, Jan, David, Tom, Bette, Barbara, Martha Ann, Jo Ann, (11 b Q), Pam Prange (nv), Sam Ray (nv)

Meeting called to order 07:08 p

Minutes of April 2012 NCHS board meeting reviewed;
Approved motion Tom, seconded David, JoAnn, accepted minutes.

Financial Report reviewed by Laurie; Approved by Board (Motion Jan, Second Tom) approved;

Old Business

Peninston House report by David

David mentioned these approximate costs: \$595,000 Headley reconstruction (est.); \$27,000 landscape (est.); \$15,000 irrigation (est.); (no cost) redo outside wall; (no cost) commercial kitchen; Dan provided pictures showing progress on reconstruction; Dan mentioned 2nd ADA bathroom is required;

McRitchie – Hollis Museum report by Pamela

Pamela asked Home Depot for estimates; HD and NCHS partner together to do a period kitchen at no cost to NCHS. Kitchen can be used for catering but not for commercial kitchen.

Martha Ann is working to place Hollis pieces in the rooms; Furniture floor plan with all pieces color coded to know where each piece is to go; MA making list of items used; To do – rugs, lighting, drapes; MA is to do a presentation to board by July meeting.

Scholarships – Dan

Sarah to make NHS in memory of Fred Blackwell – Kenzie Kesselring \$1000;
Dan to make NHS Christian Rousard Stagle \$1000;

Lincoln event – Dan

Dan presentation was good but his dramatization cause a bit of hearing for those not near; Laurie \$834 + \$64 Credit Card – estimate around 100 people; Dan and Jan sent notes and emails to schools; Not sure why poor student turn-out; Much discuss on how to improve attendance and advertising; Dan, Jan discussed Robert E. Lee coming October 25th asked Laurie if he could get it moved to early 2013;

Tour of Homes – Pamela

Do we want to purchase for \$227 the left over beer and wine cost from Cultural Arts committee?
Pamela to ask John Thrasher to pick up beer and wine as NCHS does not want to purchase;

Horsey Affair – Barbara

Barbara thanked the NCHS Horsey committee for their hard work;
Barbara mentioned the brochure; Dan brochures to be distributed to all Georgia welcome center;
Barbara sent out thank you including to Jeanie Yancey
Profit: \$42,000 + \$18,000 + \$1,000 = \$62,000

Expenses: 7, 25, 619, 13.43, 35.30, 220, 31,680, 2999.40 – 35,xxx.xx = + \$26,541.96 (goal \$25,000)

Printing of 1st book – 294 books – 25 books gifts = 6,040.40 (3, 240.30 profit)

2nd printing of 300 to be paid for from profits on 1st book printing

Barbara – Bettie discussed offering membership to several of individuals who gave contributions, gifts in kind, (did not get all the names);

Tom mad a motion to invite all those artists, contributors, and those who gave gifts in kind be given a year's memberships at the \$100 level; Laurie seconded; motion passed;

David made motion to move horses from Greenville St Park to Courthouse square after May 12th;

Seonded by Tom; motion passed

Barbara opposed;

Mayo Royal – Dan

Payment by Royal; Receiving funds monthly;

Gray Cottage – Clark St. House – Dan

David provided extensive list of work, provided by Headley, to be done to white house - \$124,000 estimate; David to get another estimate;

Dan is delaying board vote until June whether to assume responsibility for White House and Clark St. house and cost for commercial kitchen

After much discussion, Dan will review contract to see what our obiligations will be; Parking will be a concern to consider; Directly behing cottage and Clark St;

Web Site – Facebook – Dan

Dan stay with current web site and facebook; Pam Mayer and Andy Whitlock are keeping up;

New Business

Director – Dan

Dan thinks we need some professional staff; “Director of Ritchie-Hollis” museum but may help out with NCHS in general;

What do we want? Dan to put together committee to investigate; to be discussed at June meeting;

CSX – Dan

CSX has piled stone and cross-ties on property; Dan has asked CSX to move; Dan to work with them to determine property lines;

Depot Rentals – Dan

Dan 5-14 & 5-15 wants to feed “Drop Dead Diva” crew at Depot; Dan and Tom are to going to review;

David motion to permit “DDD” crew be feed at Depot,; Mike seconded; motion passed;

“Meet the Artists” – Dan

Dan – to honour the artists – have a function at Depot to “Meet the Artists” invite the public; introduction; with photos of horses along with other examples of the artists work; Looking to do it (discuss at Wednesday Horsey meeting date in June);

Other

Jo Ann suggested we make decision by next board meeting when Tour of Homes will be in 2013; Andy agreed but should include all events for 2013 should be determined no later than September 2012.

Bettie mentioned Students

Laurie motion to close; David seconded; adjourned

Jefferson event:

Dan reviewed cost, income from Jefferson event in January. \$4118 – 1500 (dinner) – 4400 (performer cost) = (\$ 1682) (Loss);

Board had authorized \$2000 for performer cost; but cost presented by contract Don Nixon signed resulted in cost of \$4400;

Laurie to review total ticket sales and reason for discrepancies with Don Nixon and staff;

Dan noted Abraham Lincoln performance is scheduled for April 17th; Board has authorized a maximum of \$2000 for that performance; Dan is to request a copy of the contract from Don Nixon for that event. And suggested any future events where NCHS is co-organizer or major participant all contracts are to be reviewed by NCHS board prior to approving any motions to get involved in a particular event.

Update on City Art “Horse Sculpture” Project by Barbara;

25 (24 purchased with 1 horse “given in kind”) horse sculptures sold with current profit of \$63,200 (\$29,700 – total cost for horses)

Morgan Trophies to do the plaques;

Robert Lu Hahn has been helping in several ways

Barbara thinks Dan has been “a dream” as he has helped people in/out of Headley site and supported us.

Peniston House – reviewing with contract work and estimates;

Meadows removed 4 Leyland cypresses on Clark Street side but only trimmed magnolias for a cost of \$2,300 (\$3,000 allocated for total removal); Decision made not to remove the magnolias; Board had much discussion

There are 3 bids out to Headley, Tom Co, and Jos Steed expected to be in February 24th.

Board is estimating \$500-750,000 cost to do total renovation; but additional city requirements, change zoning form office to assembly; other changes; Therefore, Dan stated “...cost could exceed our ability to pay and support long term”. Bids and long term objectives are to be reviewed.

Sesquicentennial –

1st person narrative actors to entertain 5,8,11 grades in Coweta County – no NCHS involvement needed unless you want to volunteer

2012 March 3rd – Glory, Red Badge of Courage, Shenandoah, coffee & sweets rolls, lemonade, pop.

Donations for refreshments; cost for Carnegie rental \$150 per day and DVD

2012 guest lecturer, Stowell, coming to do lecture in Monday, November 5th at Wadsworth Auditorium

Reimbursed for hotel expense and speaker fees (based on Jan’s discretion) estimated \$400 plus an thorium

Presentation to be determined

Jan to check with Gary Reno on “Traveling Trunk”

April 24th 2:30-4 Pm, Celebrating the Magic of Newnan, at Carnegie

Black History Month – February 23rd 06:30 PM at History Depot – Sarah

Johnny Waits is to do a presentation on Flat Rock Community in Lithonia and “The Story of Newnan’s Dr. John H. Jordan”

NCHS and the Friends of the Farmer Street Cemetery

Ray to check on CEC and NuLink to possibly come and record the event

Refreshments afterward

Newsletter, web site, Facebook, logo

Dan wants to redo newsletter, web site, Facebook after going to GAMG and he has found a firm in do the work.

Dan passed around some logos this firm proposed; no decision made

New Business

Neill Blackwell wants us to purchase grand piano and iron lawn furniture for \$6000. And Robert Hancock is urging us to do so.

Approved by board to purchase piano and furniture using Hollis funds

Board agreed to move board meetings to 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.

Meeting Adjourned 09:20 p