

Cross county Historical Society
Board Meeting

March 18, 2010

At 6:35 Carol Brown called the meeting to order. The following board members were present:

Carol Brown, President
Donna Horton, Vice President
Michelle Slabaugh, Treasurer
Libby Washington, Secretary
Richard Hartness, board member
Phyllis Searcy, board member
Florence Halstead, board member
Martin Smith, board member

Libby Washington read minutes and made one correction. Michelle Slabaugh read the treasurer's report. Donna Horton made motion that they be accepted with the one correction. Carol Brown, President, declared the minutes approved as read.

The library has sent the museum the Jimmy James material. The museum has a new scanner, needed for both the Jimmy James collection and the family histories that will be coming into the museum.

Cross County Quorum court gave \$8,600 for electrical work to be done. Carol plans to find light fixtures, hopefully like the original school lights. Lynn Blake did do the fire inspection needed before the county approval of the money.

Eda Claire Slabaugh's committee is working on fund raisers and other programs. Carol Brown did mention a Arkansas Democrat-Gazette article about a lady who does a show modeling vintage clothing. She will send Carol a package but only has two dates left in this year for a program.

The museum did receive \$70,000 grant from Department of Arkansas Heritage, but we will only receive \$52,000 this year. The remainder will come next year. Carol called Capital Exhibits, the company who made our original plan, and talked with David Links. He said that doing the work piece meal will actually cost the museum more dollar. Carol wants us to think about a way to raise bigger dollars for another \$50,000 so we could do the work all at one time. She also stated that David Link is leaving the company, but the designer of our project, Dean Levy, will still be there. Also the deadline of the grant for paying Shelly for her work will end in April. Must have invoice for the grant.

We thanked Michelle for her work on getting this grant.

Carol said the work day was great. Now able to store more artifacts.

County history book brochures are being sent out in March. An example of it was passed around the group. The museum will have extra mail outs to be sent to families who no longer live in the county but are important parts of our history.

Richard Hartness will take flyer to the Green County Genealogical Fair on April 17, 2010, and place them on display for anyone to take.

Carolyn Baldwin, Joy McMinn, Libby Washington, Hope Mullins, Eda Clare Slabaugh, and possibly Richard Hartness will attend the Jonesboro Arkansas Museum Association Conference March 24th and 25th.

Carol discussed past year's estimated budget as being off, but said that actual expense was less than actual intake. She did stress need for a major fund raiser this year.

Still need to check on someone doing the log tapes for Shelly.

Richard asked about sending newsletters by bulk mail, but Michelle explained we did not have needed 200 letters to be mailed. Most newsletters are e-mailed.

Martin Smith said that the Historical Preservation Society of Arkansas will have their yearly conference April 15th to 17th in Helena and discuss endangered historical places. Membership is opened to individuals. He referred to the Johnston House. Michelle said she had nominated it for both the Historical Record and for preservation a number of years ago but the family did not want to deed it at that time. Martin said he would check into it.

Meeting was adjourned