

Historic Carter House Society Inc.
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2022

Judy Sharp, called to order the meeting of Historic Carter House Society Inc. (HCHS) held at 30325 Carter Cemetery Road, Springfield, LA at 2:53 PM.

Attendance: Judy Sharp, Linda Simoneaux, Chasity Chauvin, Valerie Willman, Christina Volion and Vickie Robinson.

Minutes

The July 8, 2022, meeting minutes were emailed to board and handed out at meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes – Linda Simoneaux

Second – Valerie Willman

Approved by All

Financial Report

Financial Income Statement through September 11th was distributed.

Discussion: Vickie requested a line entry be added to financial for Grant expenses. Judy pointed out that even though the financials presented contained both Hurricane Ida and regular maintenance restoration work, Linda was keeping a separate total for both category of expenses. Linda pointed out we had no Grant income as of this time and there was no guarantee we would get grant money. If and when any Grant funds are received, financial can be adjusted at that time.

Motion to approve the financials – Linda Simoneaux

Second – Valerie Willman

Approved by All

Judy advised one new membership was received from Lance & Judy Lyons who attended an event at the Carter House.

Carter House Repair Status

Linda emailed to the board a list of all the repairs completed on the Carter & Guest House thus far since the last meeting.

Two roofing bids were received to replace the existing slate roof with shingles and were emailed to the board for review. Since both bids were for different grade of shingles, it was decided that Judy would check with Garcia Roofing on how long it would take to get the shingles and when work could start. The board agreed to go with the Belmont IR (Color, Stonegate Grey). Linda would contact Roof Crafter and asked for an update bid, since the one we had expired. On the new bid, Linda requested a quote be made for the same material as Garcia's bid so we would be comparing the same thing.

Motion made to allocate up to \$65,000 for a replacement roof so when bids come in, we can select and proceed. – Linda Simoneaux
Second by Chasity Chauvin
Approved by All

FEMA/State Grants – Vickie still proceeding with the input required by FEMA/State. Nothing has been received from FEMA on the inspection August 3, 2022.

Landscaping Lighting

Mike Albright with Accent Lighting has repaired the lights at the Pillars. He needs to come back and finish work on the lighting for the CH columns. Judy will follow up for date to complete work. Vickie requested Judy sent info to her for Grant.

Regular Landscape Maintenance

Motion made to hire Ed James for up to \$100 a month to do regular spraying and weeding of CH property. Any additional work will be done at a negotiated price. – Linda Simoneaux
Second by Valerie Willman
Approved by All

Fundraising Report

Linda emailed to the board prior to the meeting a list of the fundraisers and profit for the year from each event.

Discussion on the Christmas Teddy Bear Tea Fundraiser

Tea Pots for Tables – Christina has been checking out the English Tea Room and suggested we buy Tea Pots that we could bring to the table. We can use these to supplement the ones we have. Linda will order one to check how it fits on the table with the plates, cups, and 3-tired serving dish. Christina said we could do a place setting on 10/21 when she sets up for the shower she is

putting on at the Carter House.

Tea – Christina said Community Coffee will donate the Earl Gray, English Breakfast and Hot Chocolate for the Tea.

Cookies -Valerie has a friend who bakes and can bake chocolate chip cookies for the Tea. Price \$250

Santa Suit – Valerie found a Santa suit for about \$250. We agreed to purchase this suit and rent it out like we did the Bunny Outfit to offset the cost.

Champagne – Valerie is checking on getting the champagne for cost.

Music – Brett Willman is working on a playlist of Christmas Music for the event. He will check on the price of blue tooth speakers.

Tablecloths – Valerie to check with S&W

Discussed moving Gold Table in Hall on the wall by the bar for desserts.

Mimosa will be served from the Bar. Tea/Hot Chocolate will be served from kitchen.

Restaurant Give Back & Coke Fundraisers - Valerie
Valerie talked to Five Guys who had an issued with not notifying the staff of our fundraiser. To compensate for their error, they donated \$300 to the HCHS. Judy has already received the check. Valerie is checking with Buddies and Walk-ons. Vickie is checking with Roux & Brew.

Coke Fundraisers

The 4th of July fundraiser cleared \$165.89. The Labor Day fundraiser cleared \$159.05. All funds are being used to offset the expenses associated with the Teddy Bear Tea. There was a discussion of possible having another one for Halloween or Thanksgiving.

Yard Sale

Sunday, October 2 starting at 2 pm was selected as the date and time for the Carter House yard sale. We will meet the week of 9/26 to price items for the sale. We will sell space for people to set up tables to sell their items. Valerie

will work on a flyer and sent to everyone to check before posting on Facebook.

Constant Contact

Chasity said she just oversaw an event for Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce using constant contact and how easy it was to print the report and check everyone off as they arrived. They had no discrepancies. Constant Contact for the Teddy Bear Tea has been a little bit more challenging since we started with Venmo before Constant Contact when live.

HCHS Phone – Judy/Linda

Linda advised that the 3G service to end 12/31/22. Phone must be upgraded at that time. Judy will get with Charlie Robinson to move phone from his Verizon Account.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Emeritus – Vickie suggested we honor Beverly Burgess as Director Emeritus

Beverly has created a legacy that will last for years or even decades at the Historic Carter House. The Carter House was her home for many years before it was sold to its present owners the Carter Plantation Development District. Beverly was instrumental in getting the Carter House placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. She served on the board of the HCHS from its conception until she moved to Atlanta, Ga.

The board agreed and the Bylaws will be amended to add this position.

HCHS Bylaw Changes

The Board discussed other Bylaw changes:

Discussed adding Lifetime membership under membership/annual dues.

Changing wording of Meeting of Members/Voting to identify only board members are allowed to vote.

Adding Meeting of Members/Action without Meeting for times when the board is unable to meet.

Discuss Board of Directors/Officer & Duties changes

Discuss if Grant Committee needs to be added since the Board can create a committee at any time.

After the discussion, new bylaw changes will be sent to all member with the meeting notice of our next meeting where they will be voted on.

Meeting Adjourned

4:50 PM