

BOARD MINUTES
A. W. PERRY HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

January 29, 2019

The A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Board met at Crosby Recreation Center, at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

Present: Judy Scamardo (Chair), Terri Williams (Family Member), Cody Scallions (City liaison), Tammi Hennegan, Bilidene Grozier, Thomas Williams, and Natasha Singh

Absent: Councilman Young Sung (Council Liaison), Frank Minicieli, Lark Tribble, and Rachel Lewis

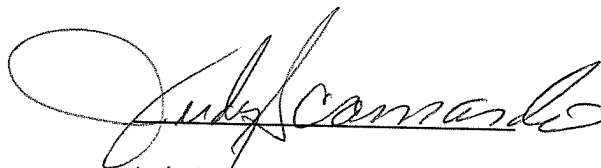
1. Call to Order
 - a. Ms. Scamardo calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm
2. Review and Approve Previous Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by Thomas Williams, second by Natasha Singh. Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Museum Interpretive Plan Update
 - a. Social Media Statistics
 - i. Mr. Scallions updates the Museum Board on the social media statistics. He states the Museum post once a week on a historical topic. With these post, we have increased our reach on social media is approximately one-thousand. The Museum staff responds to all questions and we interact with those that reply or respond to our post.
 - b. Museum Labels and Panels
 - i. Mr. Scallions states how the Museum is developing panels and labels to use as interpretive materials for the Museum. Currently the Museum operates provided guided or self-guided tours in which the patron must rely on the tour guide or the handouts for information about the home, but there is little information on artifacts and the historical use of each room. The labels and panels will provide information on how each room was utilized during the Victorian Period and smaller labels will be used to highlight specific artifacts in each room.
4. Perry Homestead Projects Updates
 - a. Window Restoration Project
 - i. Siebler Inc. was awarded the bid project to restore the front parlor window and the master bedroom window. Both windows have visible rot damage and need to be restored to secure the integrity of the building. The window restoration project is scheduled to begin in February.
 - b. Historic Structure Report Project

- i. Mr. Scallions informs the board that the City is planning a Historic Structures Report (H.S.R.) for the historical elements on the property. The H.S.R. will detail the state of the property and provide details on what improvements or restoration projects need to be done on the historical structures to ensure their longevity. The estimates for the project are due at the end of the month, January.
 - c. Travel Trunk Grant Project
 - i. The Museum team is applying for a Texas Histories Mini-Grant. Our deadline for submittal is March. The grant will be to acquire funds to update and revamp our school travel trunks. The museum team is working with local teachers to get lesson plans for the trunks. Our goal is to have these trunks available to the schools. We will have two trunks, the first is Modern Marvels which is S.T.E.A.M. based. The second is a critical thinking trunk that will involve the liberal arts side of education.
- 5. Perry Homestead Projects Discussion
 - a. Perry Fence Project
 - i. The white picket fence was completed on January 28, 2019, the original white picket fence was becoming dilapidated and in disrepair.
 - ii. The barn fence is next to be replaced. Mr. Scallions presents to the board the different types of woods that can be used for the barn fence, those being pressure treated pine and red cedar. Mr. Scallions outlines the pros and cons for each type of wood that can be used for the barn fence. The board recommends using the red cedar fence for the barn.
- 6. Local School and Community Outreach Discussion
 - a. The Museum staff is working with local schools to create more outreach opportunities that brings schools to the museum. The travel trunk program is one method the Museum utilizes to provide outreach to schools, but the site should be utilized more. Mr. Scallions states that he and his staff are talking with local teachers to try and organize a Frontier Day at the Perry Museum where local schools can bring their students to learn about frontier life and the local history.
 - b. Mr. Scallions states that he and his staff are working to develop more community outreach and programs that increases the scope of focus past a young audience. Developing programs like Brunch and Brushes
- 7. Information Sharing
 - a. Museum Programs Calendar
 - i. Upcoming events include Brunch and Brushes a paid couples program in which we will provide brunch and an art session for those who register.
 - ii. Mrs. Scamardo states that the board must elect a Vice Chair. Mr. Thomas Williams volunteered for the decision with unanimous consent.
- 8. Conclusion
 - a. Motion made by Mr. Williams to close the meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Hennegan. Meeting concluded at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cody Scallions, Curator/Staff Liaison

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Judy Scamardo, Chair