

BOARD MINUTES
A. W. PERRY HOMESTEAD MUSEUM
July 26, 2016

The A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Board met at the A. W. Perry Homestead Museum, at 7:03 pm, Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

Present: Charles Thrasher, George Barnes, Linda Mayberry, Judy Scamardo, Thomas Williams, Lark Tribble, Terri Williams.
Staff: Heather Smith, Leisure Services Manager; Toyia Pointer, Curator

Absent: Rachel Lewis, and one vacant seat

- I. The May meeting minutes were reviewed. Thrasher pointed out that, in item I. approval of previous meeting minutes, May should be changed to February.
 - a. Barnes motioned to approve with the change and Williams seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.

- II. Thrasher gave a report on the Perry Society's June 25 meeting and an overview of the status of the Gazebo project. Perry Society had meeting on June 25 at 10:00. They elected a new President, John Raffalo, and made the previous president the current treasurer. The Perry Society currently has a fund of \$18,529.60. They were going to Lowe's and Home Depot for pricing to figure out how much to raise or get donated to be able to the start the project. Council offered \$5,000 towards Gazebo project from general fund. Toyia talked to David and he thought the donation would take them close to being complete but needed to get a better idea of the numbers as he was on vacation. Events at the Perry may delay the start of construction. Tom met with The Masonic Lodge and they were enthusiastic about the project but they did not contribute anything as of yet. The Lodge asked if they could participate in laying cornerstone or other part of dedication.

- III. Items proposed by donation from John Gravley on behalf of the estate of Joe Gravley (grandson of DeWitt and Francis Perry) were discussed.
Background: Paul Price was working with the family of Joe Gravley, son of Pearl Perry Gravley and grandson of A.W. and Sarah Perry. The pieces up for consideration are from Joe's estate. Items are in Texarkana and would be in around August if approved. Most of the objects belonged to Frances Perry or Pearl Perry Gravley.
Item one: Sideboard that belonged to the house, in good condition. Original to the house. Toyia recommends acceptance.
Item two: Small Commemorative Plates. These plates have the history of some of the local churches and the museum already has several in the collection. Toyia brings up that if it was anyone else giving them we may not take it since we have duplicates. This item includes digital photograph of Frances and Pearl on back of the piano in the house.

Item Three: Sewing Machine. Belonged to Pearl Perry. Toyia does not recommend acceptance as it is not in the time period of the house. Toyia brings up that if we want it, it could be added to the teaching collection.

Item 4: Painting of exterior of the home done by one of the family members, not within the time period. If accepted it could be put in one of the libraries or in the museum.

Item 5: Small pitcher and basin for children's bedroom. Original to the house. Toyia recommends acceptance as we do not currently have one in the children's room and it was original to the house.

Item 6: Wedding Ring Quilt. Made by Pearl, no date. Recommend not to accept.

Item 7: Kitchen accessories belonged to Pearl or Frances. Kitchen accessories are needed. Some stuff we already have been purchased and these items were original to the house.

Discussion takes place on the items. The idea is brought up to accept the plates (item 2) conditionally if we don't have these exact ones already in the collection. A motion was made to vote on each item separately.

In separate motions Items 1(Sideboard), 2(Plates), 4(Painting), 5(Pitcher and Basin), and 7(Kitchen Accessories) were approved to accept into the collection.

Items 2(Plates) and 5(Pitcher and Basin) were conditional with 2 we would accept if we did not have those exact plates in our collection already and Item 5 would be accepted if it fit the time period.

In separate motions Items 3(Sewing Machine) and 6(Quilt) were approved to not accept those items.

Toyia will convey to the family what was approved and thank them for thinking of the museum. She will also research the conditionally approved items.

a. J. Scamardo motioned, T. Williams second

IV. Information Sharing

- a. Pointer shared that a new intern, Kimberly Keetch, had replaced outgoing intern Christina DeBartolo. The Leisure Services division of Parks and Toyia met with a landscape architect and will fill in as that process goes forward.
- b. The 'Ask An Expert' programs on ice making and photography went well.
- c. It was decided to add deaccessioning to the agenda for a later meeting when Toyia is ready.
- d. About to put the collection on the city's network so it will be a backup.
- e. September 24 is the Vintage baseball game. First Friday in December is the Christmas event.

Meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toyia Pointer, Curator/Staff Liaison

Charles Thrasher, Chair