

BOARD MINUTES
A. W. PERRY HOMESTEAD MUSEUM
May 24, 2016

The A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Board met at the A. W. Perry Homestead Museum, at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Present: Charles Thrasher, George Barnes, Linda Mayberry, Judy Scamardo, Thomas Williams, Lark Tribble, Paul Price, Rachel Lewis, Council Liaison Steve Babick, and visitor Terri Williams.
Staff: Toyia Pointer, Curator

Absent: Lisa Stavinoha

- I. The February meeting minutes were reviewed. (The April 26 meeting was postponed to May due to severe weather.) Williams inquired about committees appointed since he was absent. Thrasher said that Williams would have opportunity to serve on one of his choosing. Scamardo motioned to approve and Price seconded, minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.

- II. Gazebo project was discussed. The Carrollton Women's Club has given the Society a \$1000 grant towards the project. Pointer thanked Tribble for submitting the grant request on behalf of the Perry. Pointer and John Roppolo of the Perry Society attended their awards luncheon to accept the grant and thank the Women's Club. The Society has now raised \$18,500 (including \$3000 Civic League grant and the \$1000 Women's Club grant.) Pointer reported that their President estimated an additional \$7000-8000 is needed to reach their goal. He also reported to her that membership renewals would be going out soon and that they would hold their annual meeting in June. June 25 is the proposed date and Pointer offered to host at the Perry Homestead. Thrasher reported that he emailed the group to introduce himself as the new board liaison to the Society. (Rachel Lewis entered meeting.)

Pointer suggested offering the Perry Homestead a 1:1 match on amounts raised towards the gazebo project by a specified date, on up to half of the remaining funds needed to complete fundraising. Funds could come from the museum's donation account, which has a current balance of \$16,000. Councilman Babick said he had also been thinking about a matching incentive for the project. He suggested possibly using hotel motel tax funds. Tribble and Scamardo commented that a match was a great idea and there was a discussion about deadlines. Thrasher asked about when the construction would begin and there was a discussion of best times depending on meeting all pre-construction requirements and rentals and events already scheduled. Babick said he would send a note to the City Manager about the match idea as well.

- III. Donated items considered.
- a. Mary Fletcher is offering for donation a dinnerware set once belonging to William and Lura Dale Fyke. Lura Dale Perry Fyke was one of A.W. and Sarah Perry's children. The dishes are from 1903. Johnson and Bros. Dartmouth pattern, green. Pointer recommending accepting because of the connection to the Perry family and Carrollton. Williams motioned to accept the set, Scamardo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
 - b. Carolyn Haddox is offering a handmade, wooden butter paddle. Pointer recommending accepting because, although we are not actively collecting, one of the areas needing more display items is the kitchen and there is a need for more kitchen utensils. It's around 1900 or earlier, originally from western Ohio. Price motioned to accept the donation, Tribble seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - c. Paul Price is offering for donation the original fireplace tool set from the 1909 Perry home. Price was given the set by Sylvia Gravely. It had been stored in her garage. Four tools, a broom, and a stand. Pointer recommended approving because of its connection to the home. Lewis motioned to accept the donation, Scamardo seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - d. Sylvia Gravely is offering for donation a box of papers collected by her late husband Milburn Gravely regarding the development of Carrollton; including original newspapers, organizing the Peters Colony Historical Society, etc. Pointer and volunteer Linda Marrs completed a basic inventory of the material. One highlight of the collection is an original letter from 1883. Scamardo motioned to accept the donation, Mayberry seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Information Sharing

- a. Williams inquired about the working committees.
 - i. Pointer reported that the intern had left because of a full time job offer. The intern position is now posted. The Recreation Coordinator for Education was reposted and Victoria Anderson has taken that position. She will be over all Education programming for Leisure Services, including programs at the museum. There's also a new Leisure Services Manager that started this month.
 1. With new staff, some projects (including work on interpretive master plan/strategic planning) may be slowed as orientation and training takes place.
 2. Historic landscaping improvements and grant committees are both moving along. Pointer reported that Stavinoha had requested being involved with the Landscape committee instead of Interpretive Plan.

3. Williams was appointed to the Interpretive Plan committee.
- b. Pointer gave an update on spring events-
 - i. Homestead How-to 75 people, very interested in doing more programs with the TAMU Extension Service for Dallas County.
 - ii. Spring Blooms 325 people attended; park/community event with music, petting zoo, photographs.
 - iii. Mother's Day 210 people attended, threat of rain kept numbers down a bit but a nice event.
 - iv. Next meeting July 26.
- c. Babick reported that the adjacent Gravley property had been listed with a real estate broker. Babick said that the City had re-approached them but that the stated price was higher than what could be offered. The idea of a formal long term lease was mentioned. Pointer said there has been an open ended lease on the property so we can use for events in exchange the City maintains the property. The Board expressed concerned that the land would be developed and it could negatively impact the museum. Price stated that he thought it was important to act quickly and to communicate directly with Mrs. Gravley.
- d. Williams offered to inquire with the Masons about a donation to the gazebo project.

Meeting concluded at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toyia Pointer, Curator/Staff Liaison

Charles Thrasher, Chair