

BOARD MINUTES
A. W. PERRY HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

July 25, 2017

The A. W. Perry Homestead Museum Board met at the A.W. Perry Homestead Museum, at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Present: Lark Tribble, Judy Scamardo, Young Sung (Council Liaison), Cody Scallions (City Liaison), Charles W. Thrasher, Thomas Williams, Michael Vertz, John Roppolo (Perry Society Chairman, Guest).

Absent: Terri Williams, Tammi Hennigan, Marjorie Lambert

1. Call to Order
 - a. Mr. Thrasher calls meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Introduction of New Council Liaison
 - a. Mr. Thrasher introduces new Council Liaison Mr. Young Sung.
 - b. Mr. Sung provides a short introduction about him and states his enthusiasm in bringing the community and culture of Carrollton together.
3. Review and Approve Previous Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve April 25, 2017 minutes with corrections by Mr. Williams and second by Ms. Scamardo.
4. Update on Gazebo Project
 - a. Mr. Roppolo, liaison and chairman for the Perry Society provides a brief background on the history and development of the Perry Society. Mr. Roppolo stated that the Perry Society has two main goals: to provide funding and volunteers for the museum. Currently Mr. Roppolo has two goals for this fiscal year: to collect membership dues and continue the gazebo project.
 - b. The gazebo project is a memorial project for the esteemed Milton Gravely, former Mayor of Carrollton.
 - c. Mr. Roppolo and the society asked Mr. Terry Wright to provide an estimate of building supplies for the gazebo. Mr. Wright returned with an amount estimated at \$50,000. Mr. Scallions and Ms. Heather Smith, Leisure Services Manager for the City of Carrollton, researched different companies previously contracted by the city to construct gazebos. The Society is currently waiting for estimates from Ms. Smith.
 - d. Mr. Roppolo gives a statement on availability of funds generated by the Society. The Society currently has over twenty thousand dollars for the gazebo project. The sum does not include the five thousand dollars the City of Carrollton will provide in kind.
 - e. Mr. Sung states that other communities need to be made aware of the Museum and the activities taking place.

- f. Mr. Williams asks if the Museum Society has any promotional materials to give out to the community. The Society does not have any materials to hand out.
- g. Mr. Roppolo passes out materials for membership to the Society and departs the meeting.

5. Inventory Update

- a. Mr. Scallions provides an update on the museum inventory. Staff is currently working on entering all information into the PastPerfect5 cataloging system. The staff will have to research all the items in the museum and input information into the computer system.
- b. The city hired a new museum intern who is tasked with three projects, one being to inventory two rooms of the museum.
- c. For the next meeting Mr. Scallions will provide a handout on items for deaccession that the board will have to discuss.
- d. Mr. Thrasher asks if the board will have to vote and discuss on suggested deaccession items for every meeting or if the board can give complete decision to Mr. Scallions. Mr. Scallions states the board will have to vote because the items are different and the board must be aware of what items are coming in or out of the collection.
- e. Mr. Scallions states that the museum staff is currently searching for alternate homes for the artifacts that are being deaccessioned. The Museum must follow city policy when selling artifacts that do not belong to the museum.
- f. Mr. Williams ask if we have any items that can be displayed at the library. Mr. Scallions states that we do have two potential displays in progress, both at the Senior Center. Another project Mr. Scallions is currently working on is the veterans cases located at the Senior Center. Many of the images in the cases are in poor condition due to lighting. Mr. Scallions is working with Ms. Gena Spradling to create a new veterans display.
- g. Mrs. Scamardo asks what happened to the Jimmy Porter display. Mr. Scallions responds that the Jimmy Porter display was disassembled and is currently rehoused at the Perry Museum. Mr. Thrasher asks if there are other areas in the city to house materials. Mr. Scallions responds that currently the city does not have any adequate space to house artifacts or museum materials. In addition, Mr. Scallions states that he would rather have the items located in an environment under his supervision.

6. Information sharing

a. Fall Programs

- i. Mr. Scallions updates the Board on the Perry Pumpkin Patch and the Halloween programs for October.
- ii. The overall goal for these programs is to attract every community to utilize the homestead. The early day programs are designed for kids and the evening programs will be for adults.
- iii. One of the evening programs is the Paranormal Porch Panel. The museum staff reached out to local ghost hunters to come to the museum and do a paranormal reading on the property. The hunters will disclose all their findings and

information at the panel. Following the panel, we will screen Vincent Price's *House on Haunted Hill*.

- iv. The city is asking the Perry Society to come to all events and provide volunteer support and be the face of our programs. Mr. Scallions is working with Mr. Roppolo to have the society be more visible to the community and become the leading organization for museum activities.

b. Jubilee of Cultures

- i. Mr. Scallions is in contact with Ms. Phylis Stromile, the leader of the Jubilee of Cultures, to organize a festival on September 9. The festival will include a celebration of different cultures in Carrollton through food, dance, and information sharing.
- ii. Mr. Scallions' overall goal is to make the homestead a destination for everyone in Carrollton to enjoy for any activity.

7. Conclusion

- a. Mr. Thrasher states that if any member is up for renewal to please renew for the board.
- b. Mr. Thrasher calls meeting to close at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Cody Scallions, Curator/Staff Liaison



Charles W. Thrasher, Chair