

Cayce Museum Commission Meeting Minutes  
12 September 2019 - amended

Members present: Alice Brooks, A. G. Dantzler, Archie Moore, Dale Gaskins, Marion Hutson and Leo Redmond. Approved absence: Judy Corbitt, Cindy Peake, Mary Sharpe.

Also Present: City Manager Tracy Hegler, Assistant City Manager James Crosland, Museum Curator Jerry Kirkland and Museum Assistant Andy Thomas

- Commission Chairman Archie Moore called the Meeting to order.
- Commissioner Dantzler offered the invocation.
- Chairman Moore recognized our visitors.
- The minutes from the 1 May 2019 meeting were presented for review. Commissioner Dantzler moved to accept and Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.
- Chairman Moore asked for a review and critique of the 1964 Dixie Youth Worlds Series Reunion.
  - A. Jerry Kirkland thanked all the participants – especially the City of Cayce Staff (both leadership and skilled workers). A special thanks to Commissioner AG Dantzler for coming early and cooking the hotdogs for us.
  - B. Approximately 200 to 300 hundred guests attended and comments from them were very positive.
  - C. Commissioner Brooks noted that the publicity from the local press was fantastic (especially Channel 19). She also noted that one of the players (Earl Bass) mother was in attendance; she was almost 100 years old.
  - D. Andy Thomas stated that the presentation at the Columbia Fireflies game was well received and photos/video was placed on our “You Tube” page.
  - E. Commissioner Gaskins made the only negative comment (an After Action Review comment) and it was that the benches and window sills on the front of the Museum were very dirty and we will need to ensure that they are clean for future events.

- Chairman Moore asked for information on our Strategic Plan.
  - A. City Manager Hegler responded that she was happy with the interest and comments made in the meeting and we need to schedule our next meeting. Commissioner Brooks requested that our next meeting be held after the New Year. All agreed that with the “Christmas Traditions” event upcoming that will best to be postponed to the January/February 2020. Chairman Moore noted that all our ideas cost money. City Manager Hegler stated that if we can solidify our lists of goals and estimated costs - it would be the proper time to request that they be included in the next City of Cayce budget. Commissioner Brooks asked if we could request grants thru the Saxe Gotha Historical Society (SGHS). Commissioner Gaskins stated that the answer was a qualified Yes, but the SGAH needs to be reconstituted as an organization prior to additional activity. It was mentioned that Nancy Stone Collum may be a prospect for the SGHS and that Leo Redmond would approach her on the topic.
- Chairman Moore requested that Commissioner Sharpe brief on the Christmas Traditions. Commissioner Sharpe presented a detailed working plan with assignments - which was updated. All parties discussed the plan and it was approved.
  - A. A social for the staff and volunteers will be held on 2 October 2019 after our 4:00 meeting. Individuals volunteered to bring items for the social.
  - B. The theme of “Santa’s Workshop” was suggested by Commissioner Sharpe Which was received positively by all.
- Commissioner Brooks made note that we need to have an election for all elected Commission officials annually (per the commissions “By Laws”).
  - A. After a short discussion it was agreed that an impromptu election be held.
  - B. Commissioner Brooks nominated Commissioner Gaskins for chairman.
  - C. Commissioner Gaskins asked if any other Commissioner wants to be included in the election. There were none.
  - D. An election was held and the Commissioner Gaskins will be the new chairman beginning 2 October 2019.

- E. Chairman Moore stated that we will need a new secretary and Commissioner Brooks volunteered and was granted the position.
- Andy Thomas made his regular museum visit/financial report and also noted that:
    - A. The smoke house has ½ the new roof installed.
    - B. Over 50 people showed up for the opening of the Bluegrass exhibit. Mr. Thomas distributed flyers for the exhibit and the noted that the band Blue Faith will be playing on 19 October 2019.
    - C. 16 security cameras are installed and all but two are in working order. Those remaining will be operable soon.
    - D. Mr. Thomas opened for discussion the possibility of providing insurance for volunteers thru the Saxe Gotha Historical Society. Commissioner Redmond asked if it was necessary for volunteers, if guest and visitors were covered under the City’s existing insurance policy. Assistant City Manager James Crosland stated that he would research the issue.
    - E. Mr. Thomas noted that we have had three bricks donated that were from Congaree Fort. These are possibly foundation or powder magazine bricks from the “oldest” structure in the area.
    - F. Mr. Thomas stated that the artist Blue Sky is interested in painting a new mural for the Museum. The City of Columbia wants to remove of Blue Sky’s fire hydrant art piece from the parking lot downtown. No recommendation was made on this issue pending further discussion (applicability to the Cayce Historical Museum and relocation/operational costs are unknown).
  - A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Hutson – the meeting adjourned at 5:28.