

Shiloh Museum of Ozark History Board of Trustees
January 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History Board of Trustees was called to order by President David Beauchamp at 6:02 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2019, in the museum. Members present: Marian Hendrickson, April Rusch, Jason House, Hank Taylor, David Beauchamp, Jami Forrester, Jim Meinecke, Janelle Riddle, Zessna García-Ríos, Leticia Cortez. Ex-Officio member present: Dolores Stamps. Members excused: Judy Van Hoose, David Whitmore. Absent: Melisa Laelan.

Minutes from November 2018 were considered. April Rusch proposed a correction to November minutes regarding the Christmas party. She noted that the party was for current and past board members. It was moved by Marian Hendrickson and seconded by Jim Meinecke to approve the November minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Allyn reviewed the financial reports, which show that the board fund, operating account, and city budget are all sound. Allyn indicated that membership is up slightly but still at the lowest level in many years. The store account is at the second-highest level ever.

In the director's report, Allyn reviewed the renovations in the exhibit hall. The building of the faux bluff intro exhibit is behind schedule but will be completed soon. Following the Cabin Fever Reliever, the path through the exhibit hall will be moved due to a new exhibit being installed. The photographer position was filled by Bo Williams of Pennsylvania. He'll be starting work February 4. Also thanks given to April Rusch for hosting the holiday party.

There were no reports from Board committees at this meeting.

Facilities updates:

- Shiloh Meeting Hall: Repositioning of ground light for SMH; ongoing moisture issue w/ NW corner of building. Architects working on solution; AV system upgraded; clearing of east property line; purchase of supplies for Hall; bell now ringable; replacement roof shakes still needed.
- Log Cabin: City expected to approve sole-vendor for repairs
- Searcy House: Repairs still needed for siding and other issues.

Photographer financial assistance discussion: The new photographer and his wife are moving to the area from Pennsylvania. He's indicated that they 'are broke,' with estimates between \$1,800-2,000 plus fuel for the relocation. The executive committee deferred the decision on this to the full board. Allyn has confirmed with the City that as long as City money is not used, there is no legal restriction on the board paying these expenses. Allyn identified multiple possible funding sources. Board members discussed the possibility of offering moving expense support. Concerns raised regarded setting precedent for this and for giving an employee a "bonus" when no other current employee has received such an offer. Allyn indicated that no other employee made such a request. Zessna asked if it was possible to offer an advance for moving expenses. Allyn indicated that, since payroll comes from City money, we cannot do a payroll deduction to repay an advance. Jami moved to offer an advance of half of the written estimate of moving expenses, up to \$1,000, to be paid from the Board operating account. Receipts will be required following the expense. Marian seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Cabin Fever Reliever will be Saturday, January 12, 2019, 10am – 2pm. Board members were asked to volunteer for various support roles during the event.

The board retreat will take place on January 19, 2019, from 9:00-3:00 at Shiloh Meeting Hall.

Arkansas Business Hall of Fame Reception is Thursday, January 17, 2019, 4:30 – 6pm at Arts Center of the Ozarks. Drop-in event – Board members are invited.

On January 25, 2019, the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History and the City of Springdale will be recognized at a dinner in Little Rock with an award of excellence by the Arkansas Society for Preservation for the Shiloh Meeting Hall renovation project.

The Shiloh Museum Master Gardener program was awarded “project of the year” by the Washington County Master Gardeners. The nomination will now advance to the State Master Gardener program for competition.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Submitted by Jason House, Board Vice-Treasurer