

HAF Minutes
November 18, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
Aiken County Historical Museum

Members present: Del Hickey, President, Ross Culligan, Maggie Morehouse, Elliot Levy, Colleen Reed, Roy McLain, Marlene Groman, Mike Hosang, DeeDee Vaughters, Roy McClain, Robert Stack, Janet Harkins.

President Hickey called the meeting to order.

MINUTES FOR APRIL MEETING

There being no corrections or additions, the minutes for the October meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Hosang handed out copies of the Financial Statement for the period October 7, 2008 to November 18, 2008. The current balance is \$7,194.83. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report for information.

OLD BUSINESS

NANCY WILDS BOOK PUBLICATION

HAF has agreed to provide Nancy and her family with five copies of the Nancy Wilds Book. In addition, HAF will keep one book and provide one to the Aiken County Library and one to the Aiken County Historical Museum. Five other books have been ordered by individuals. Nancy was concerned about the \$200 cost of the book and located an internet company, authorhouse.com. The cost to publish a paperback of her book would be significantly lower and discussion was had on the possibility of using this company to provide the books which would be more affordable and which HAF could possibly use as an additional fund raising book. Maggie will order a comparable book from authorhouse.com. We will then have the book reviewed by Maggie's husband who has expertise in this area and discuss it with Nancy. If the authorhouse.com book idea is acceptable, those who have ordered the \$200 book will be contacted to see which they would prefer. HAF will honor its commitment to Nancy and her family as well as to those who have ordered the \$200 book. The issue will be reviewed at the next meeting.

BOOK INVENTORY

Leslie Giobbe was unable to attend the meeting. Del reported that Leslie has done a great job in locating all the books and their locations. We now know how many books we have and where they are. Leslie will be resigning from the HAF board and will meet with Elliot to give him the inventory materials. Roy has agreed to take over the book inventory responsibilities.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Jim and Elliot will meet to work on the newsletter and invitations. It was decided to send postcard invitations for the annual meeting and to provide attendees with newsletters at the door. The invitation will be mailed the day after Christmas.

ANNUAL MEETING

The HAF annual meeting will be held January 18, 2009 from 3 to 5 at the Cumberland AME Church. Ellen Rickman, Director of Museum Services at the Biltmore has agreed to be the speaker. It was decided that the topic will be the Biltmore and its Aiken connections. HAF will pay Ms. Rickman \$250 plus her gas costs for her appearance. Robert will check on the cost of using the church for the meeting and Colleen and Maggie will be in charge of refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Del Hickey will be stepping down as President and Cissie Sullivan, Leslie Giobbe and Janet Harkins will be leaving the board after this year. The board therefore has a one year term and two four year terms to fill as well as filling the positions of Vice-President and Secretary. Ross will move from Vice-President to President. Marlene has agreed to fill the position of Secretary. Jim Farmer was nominated to serve as Vice-President. Discussion was had on prospective board members and it was decided to ask Meg Ferguson and Lynn Harrison to fill the four year terms and Donna Schlagel to fill the one year term.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Robert presented the Awards Committee's candidates for the 2009 Preservation Awards. Discussion was had on each candidate and it was decided that awards would be presented as follows:

Historic Aiken Preservation Award
Southern Bank & Trust, Laurens Street

The Wilds-Lipe Treasured Home Award – two properties to receive awards
Tranquility Cottage, 424 Barnwell Ave.
The Clark House, 305 Colleton

Landmark Property Award
None presented this year

Historic Aiken Stewardship Award
Aiken County Historical Museum

Historic Aiken Adaptive Use Award
Sugar Magnolia, Richland Ave.

Historic Aiken President's Award
WESPAR Cottage, 208 Barnwell NE
Londo's Rehab., 330 Union Street NE

Historic Aiken Leadership Award
William and Susan Reynold's Cottage, 1035 South Boundary

Historic Aiken Claudia Phelps Award
None presented this year

Awards will be presented at the beginning of the annual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Harkins