JACKSON PARISH MUSEUM & FINE ARTS

JULY 22, 2024

The Jackson Parish Museum and Fine Arts Association July board meeting was called to order by President, Barbara Johnson at 4:00PM on Monday, July 22, 2024.

Roll Call by Sheryl Holder.

Board Members Present:  Mary Hoover, Barbara Johnson, James Fitzpatrick, and Sheryl Holder.

Board Members Absent:  Mark Culpepper, Ben Ledbetter, and Wilda Smith.

The Invocation was offered by Mary Hoover followed with the Pledge of Allegiance by James Fitzpatrick.

Motion to approve April minutes made by Mary Hoover and Second by James Fitzpatrick.  Motion passed with no opposition.

Financials were read by Sheryl Holder.  A motion to approve the financial statement made by James Fitzpatrick with a Second by Sheryl Holder.  Motion passed with no opposition.

Barbara Johnson gave the President’s report.  She reminded the board members to stop by the Museum to check on things and also let people know when there is someone there in case someone should stop by.  She gave instructions on the de-humidifier located in the Jimmie Davis room and reminded board members to always make sure to empty the tank when necessary.  Barbara expressed her desire to have a children’s day at the Museum possibly in September when the temps cool down some.  She suggested a tour of the museum for the children followed by craft tables and activities.  She discussed the possibility of having an Ambulance on site for the children to tour as well other parish services such as the Fire Departments and Life Flight.  She requested comments from Board Members and suggestions to increase membership and Museum Guest traffic.

Mary Hoover commented that technology has replaced many local attractions because it is too easy for children and adults to turn to the internet for research.  She suggested that people need to be reminded of the history of Jackson Parish.  She spoke of the importance of increasing the information and displays depicting Black History as related to Jackson Parish.  She suggested choosing a different activity to bring people to the museum due to the lack of space to have a successful Craft/Fun Day.  She noted the importance of getting adults to attend the museum and increase membership.

Sheryl Holder suggested a possible Art Contest for all children in the Parish.  With submissions in all genres of Art to be displayed at the Museum.  This showcase would bring in the children through submissions along with parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends to see their child’s work displayed in a museum.  Mary Hoover suggested a central theme so that all artwork submitted would follow guidelines set by the Museum.

Barbara Johnson offered the possibility of a reception for Veteran’s Day in honor of our veterans.  Sheryl Holder suggested getting Mayor Harris involved to help promote the reception.

An updated Duty Schedule for Board Members was provided along with suggestions to let people know when workers are scheduled for any visitors wanting to tour the Museum.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by James Fitzpatrick with a Second by Mary Hoover.  Motion passed with no opposition.