

CURATORS COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT

October 31, 2016

PRESENT: Reginald Barney, Carol Bergeron, Patsy Carter, Donna Dunkerton, Ann Wadsworth

Meeting was brought to order by Ann Wadsworth

Many of the goals that Donna set for herself this summer have been accomplished. She has cleaned a portion of upstairs and placed on the platform up there a bureau that Eddie & Jackie Lary's estate donated. A cup and saucer were placed on this bureau and a spinning wheel was placed nearby. She cleaned the stairway and front closet. All-in-all major cleaning was done to the museum. Thinking of next year there was discussion as to how to rearrange the downstairs. Part of the exhibit is a safety issue. Donna has ideas as to how better some of the materials can be exhibited. Taking the safety issues into consideration. Preservation of the materials in the museum is of utmost importance. The textiles in the collection should be checked for condition and then told how to properly conserve the material. A professional textile person should be consulted. The textiles are only one of the concerns in the collection. With no heat in the building there is concern of books and other items molding.

A concern for the museum is an antique weapon that was appraised by William Egan some years ago. This material is not something the curators want to collect. John Bergeron is going to contact William Smith for another estimate and the plans are for the weapon to be sold.

Closing of the Museum: Donna has been working diligently on cleaning, arranging and removing paintings from the museum. While doing much of this she found that the postcard albums were in a deplorable condition. She has purchased new sleeves, albums and archival material to replace the damaged albums. Also in this cleaning up she found where vermin had been damaging several items in the museum collection. She has purchased rat & mice poison to take care of the problem. Ann Wadsworth suggested that a pest control person be contacted to see how severe the problem is. It was decided we would go with the poison for now.

Goals for the Year: How do we collect, preserve and recognize the most valued items in the collection. Sale of weapon, contact a textile conservator, and rearrange downstairs.

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Carter