

Founders Society

Besser Museum

March 3, 2016

Present: Chris Christopherson, Sally Okhuysen, Dawn Deschamp, Pat Melville,

No minutes read

No treasurer report

Claudia Chapman left a report on membership. 104 current Founder members.

Directors Report, Michael Blewet stated there were no immediate receptions for us to work on. NEMAG exhibit is next but they usually handle this on their own.

There might be a Camera Club exhibit but details are not complete.

Michael did mention the importance and need for volunteers in the museum.

Old business:

The Receptions for Dali & Hetzel went very well. 100's turned out for the Hertzelt reception and a few new memberships were added. The Dali reception was very

Nice and many people could not believe we had such a large collection of the famous Salvador Dali. The Adopt a piece of Art Work will be offered in the future. The people who sponsored a Dali were treated to a pre reveal complete with champagne. Thank you sponsors.

Also thanks to reception chair Pat Melville and her crew for the nice variety of snacks.

New business:

The idea of an event partnered with the Doll Club might be something the Founders could do maybe first part of June. It is still in the planning stage as we wait to hear from the Doll Club.

The members took some time to brainstorm what the Founders roll should be within the museum. We all feel the importance of helping our museum but we also felt having a designated job makes volunteering worth your time and effort.

Some volunteer opportunities are:

- Now and then help with mailing
- Work with the collection curator
- Work with the Building Facility manager
- Office area 11 to 1 answering phone & Greeting
- Help in the gift store

One concern is communication. Founder members need and want to be informed about opportunities to serve the museum. We need a consistent way to e-mail minutes and other messages to -all- members.

Pat Melville attended the organizational meeting about Besser Museums 50 th anniversary. Pat felt it was a positive and productive meeting.

Date; Aug. 26 & 27

Fri. Evening of Elegance

Sat. Family Fun free Day

Founders help will be needed for Sat. which might be an opportunity for us to sell

Popcorn, ice cream, pop, hot dogs what ever More about this as plans progress.

Our next Founders meeting ( open to any and all members) will be April 7 10 am.

After our short business meeting we will take a tour of some of the store rooms where some of treasures are kept.

Spring is just around the corner

Respectfully submitted

Chris Christopherson

