

Executive Directors Report

May 22, 2017

Grants

We were awarded two grants this month. The first was from the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette for \$12,450, which is half of what we need to renovate the kitchen. I am now looking for matching funds from various other foundations. We also received \$10,000 for outside of county marketing from the West Lafayette/Lafayette Visitor's Center..

History/Community Center Up-Date

The Masons have purchased property and are just finishing up reviewing RFP's for contractors to build their new 5,000 square foot facility. If things go smoothly, they should be ready to move out in October as planned. The wireless no longer is being paid by the Masons so we need to look into obtaining wireless service for the building in order to conduct business and provide it for speakers for presentations if needed. I will research and submit my findings to the Buildings and Grounds Committee as it relates to infrastructure.

The exhibit team met twice to discuss the exhibits in the new building. This was followed by two days of excellent meetings with Taylor Studios as we molded and shaped the exhibits theme and sub-themes that will dictate our direction for this project.

Program and Membership Director

We are actively looking for good candidates and we had it narrowed down to two candidates. However, one has dropped out, leaving one good candidate which we hope to interview next week. The interview team will consist of Pete Bill, Leslie Martin Conwell and Kelly Lippie. We hope to have someone on board to begin the first week of July.

Compliance Regulations for board, staff, and volunteers

In working with Craig Graham on our current insurance needs, we discovered that we do not have adequate sexual abuse insurance. In order to meet compliance with their requirements to add this to our policy we will have to create a comprehensive policy that involves training of personnel as well as various levels of criminal background checks for all board, staff, and volunteers.

Spring 2018 Gala

We have set the date for our next gala, which will be Saturday, April 28. We have booked the Lafayette Big Band for our World War II themed big band swing dance. The gala committee has will be meeting again to finalize the branding name for this gala. The plan now is to launch the revised gala web site promoting our next gala in July so we can begin fundraising for it. We will keep the board apprised of our progress.