

SURFSIDE BEACH HISORICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting

Ben Burroughs called the meeting to order at 4:15p.m.

Minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting were read. Motion to approve from Cad Holmes, 2nd by Joyce Suliman, all voted to approve the minutes.

Treasurers Report: Joyce said no funds or account yet. Mary Beth Mabry to do a power point presentation at the City Council Visioning meeting on Dec. 12, 2015. She will want to ask for funding for the work to be done at the Ark plantation home site, the Surfside Beach Heritage Day at the Ark, memorial for the Ark Cemetery, etc.; and, will need to know how much we need. Sherry Singleton made a motion to ask for \$5,000.00, 2nd by Joyce S., vote taken, motion passed.

Update on Ark Cemetery Memorial project: Cad Holmes and Sadie Parmley will review and bring the list compiled from interviews with family members. Much is in the reporting descendants own handwriting. The list needs to be transcribed, dates when information obtained (Cad will do this), copies made, the original list notarized (Joyce is a notary), copies made of the original and transcription, and the original to be placed in a vault for safekeeping. Also, need to find birth and death certificates and any other information on the people. Ben asks Susan Perhala, Chairman of the Horry County Cemetery Registration Project, if the Ark Cemetery could be added.

Report on archaeological excavations at the Ark plantation planter's residence site: Written reports were received from Susan McMillan for Nov. 5, 12, and 19, 2015. She said most of the artifacts found so far are from the last half of the 19th century. Dig continues weather permitting, and will break for holidays and resume in January 2016. Mary Beth added that the city hired Arborist to evaluate the trees and found several of the Live Oaks to be between 400 to 500 years old! The city agreed to have the trees treated for insects, strategically pruned, and fertilized at a cost of \$7,000.00. The search for pictures of the Ark plantation house continues.

Surfside Beach Heritage Day at the Ark: Date: November Friday 4th and Saturday 5th, 2016. Ben led discussion of our Main Objective. Many thoughts centering around raising awareness of the history of the Surfside Beach area, raise awareness of the plight of the Ark Cemetery, raise money to help with development of the project and help to purchase the two Cemetery lots. It will be a unique combination of educational and entertainment held during the off season.

Discussion for future committee formation, ideas for promoting and fundraising. Two main events discussed were The Fish Fry fundraiser (to commemorate the traditional Look Out fish fry) and an Unveiling Ceremony of the historic marker and commemorative bell ringing. The marker is to be placed on the highway right of way of the two currently vacant and for sale lots

at Cedar and Hollywood Streets. Friday will be focusing on having school groups come to event and Saturday focused towards the whole family.

Vision of Heritage Days: A living educational walk back to pre-colonial, colonial and antebellum times. Reenactors will bring to life the people who once were part of the story of the Ark Plantation. We hope to have descendants of these people portray their ancestors. Guests will see people in period dress and hear their stories and ask them questions, see activities and demonstrations (work and play) which took place at the Ark, and hear the songs of long ago.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Singleton, Recording Secretary

Approved
