

## MINUTES

Oconee County Arts & Historical Commission

May 21, 2015

6:00 PM

Museum of the Cherokee in South Carolina

Members Present: Luther Lyle, Jeannie Dobson, Barbara Waters, Mari Noorai, Betty Borman, Phil Shirley (Ex-Officio)

Observing: David Lyle, Ray Chandler

**Luther Lyle** called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Minutes were approved with one minor change. Motion by Mrs. Waters; Second Ms. Noorai.

### Old Business

- BUDGET: \$7500 has been approved by Council for projects approved by the Arts & Historical Commission.
- HERITAGE CORRIDOR UPDATE: Mr. Shirley reported that Region I of the Heritage Corridor has been dissolved.
- Oconee County had contributed \$25,000 a year; Pickens and Anderson County had not contributed. Therefore, Oconee County has \$42,000 left in an account.
- The Oconee County administrators will have a say over the dispensation of these funds. Perhaps these funds will be set aside to be used for grants.
- CONEROSS HISTORICAL MARKER UPDATE: Mr. Rudy Nothdurft was not available to provide information.
- The Chauga Village Marker is currently in place at a location in Mountain Rest.

### New Business

- Mr. Shirley declared that the A & H Commission must be giving thought as to how we will distribute the funds with which we are entrusted. Steps must be in place to monitor that the funds are used propitiously.

- Mari Noorai proposed 28 questions that could be used to survey purveyors of Arts and Historical programs. Some examples: What is the function of your program? What events do you sponsor? How many paid employees do you have? What do you need?
- Mr. Shirley responded that currently there was no existing survey that compares the accomplishments Arts and Historical purveyors in Oconee County.
- Mrs. Dobson enthusiastically praised Ms. Noorai for her ingenuity in generating the 28 questions. She suggested that some of the questions might be combined or eliminated for the time being so that the recipients would not be overwhelmed by it.

Adjourn: As there was no further business, at 6:42 Mrs. Waters motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Second: Mrs. Dobson.

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeannie Dobson

Secretary, Arts & Historical Commission