

BARKER CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION

September 28, 2006

Call to Order

The September meeting of the Barker Civic Center Commission was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Mary Lou Linnen. Other members present included Greta LaFountain, James Dworkin, Tom McCormick, Kirk Rogers and Fred Miller. Center Director Cecilia Zubler was also present.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (June 22, 2006)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Financial Report

Cecilia reviewed the expenses paid by the City, which included radio and alarm circuit fees, irrigation system repairs, roof repairs, and miscellaneous household and garden supplies.

Director's Report

Applications were signed for the regular meetings of Monday Musicale and American Association of University Women. During the 2005-06 school year, 442 Michigan City school children and 1600 out of town children toured the Mansion. A letter telling about this year's school programs has been sent to area and local schools. Approximately twenty "Clue" games are scheduled for October. Cecilia was interviewed by Barbara Stodola for *Lake* magazine for a future article about the Mansion. This year's theme for Christmas is "Yuletide Traditions in Many Lands". An informal survey asking visitors how they heard of the Barker Mansion prior to their visit is ongoing by tour guides. A wide variety of sources is indicated, including newspaper articles, word of mouth, web site, LPCCVB Visitor's Guide, and flyers in hotels, restaurants, and Lighthouse Mall.

Census Report

June 2006	June 2005	
Tours 275	Tours	Total:
Other events 726	Other events 672	Total: 1398
July 2006	July 2005	
Tours 511	Tours 432	Total: 943
Other events 440	Other events 117	Total: 557
August 2006	August 2005	
Tours 350	Tours 494	Total: 844
Other events 202	Other events 142	Total: 344

The following groups toured or attended events during the months of June, July and August: Vale of Paradise Garden Club, three piano recitals, eight weddings and rehearsals, three garden teas, CISV, a press coverage session, Pathway Child Care, Red Hats Moms, Barker Guild Garden Party, two LPCCVB group tours, First Academy, two Summer School groups, Commonwealth Business School, and Holy Cross sisters.

The air conditioner which controls the humidity in the Archives Room is approximately twenty-five years old and has needed costly repairs. Estimates for a replacement unit are underway. The hanging of the Drawing Room wall covering will take place next week. Park Department employees assisted with the preparations and the Barker Guild is paying for the electrical expenses, wall repair, painting, and the hanging of the wool damask wall covering.

New Business

There is no October Guild meeting due to the hanging of the wall covering. The next meeting is December 6, and the program "A Cup of Christmas Tea" will be presented by John LeNoble, a friend of Greta and Jack LaFountain. Thirteen weddings were held during the spring and summer sessions.

Greta LaFountain announced her resignation, effective December 2006, from the Barker Commission. A motion to accept her resignation with sincere regret was made by Fred Miller and seconded by Jim Dworkin.. The motion passed and Greta was thanked for her many years of service.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held at Pottawattomie Country Club on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at 11:00 A.M.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Zubler
Secretary pro tem