CREATION OF THE TEXAS PHARMACY MUSEUM

BACKGROUND
In its previous northeast Austin Association headquarters, TPA had a number of historic furniture pieces and various old/antique articles and items. These were displayed in a special room along with other historical items of years past. That building was sold about ten years ago and unfortunately, much of the content is now gone. With the purchase of a new location for the Association’s offices, creation of a historical pharmacy museum has re-surfaced.

During its September 2015 meeting, the TPA Board of Directors approved the creation of a new museum honoring the profession of pharmacy. The museum is to be located in the entry space of the new TPA headquarters in Austin. TPA President Charlotte Weller asked the Foundation to consider managing the initial effort as well as the outreach for contributions of early 1900 pharmacy furniture, equipment and other items. Museum contributions would be tax deductible. Additionally, this effort also could increase the Foundation’s visibility and could help future fund solicitation campaigns.

The next step was the appointment of a special joint task force to lead the effort, develop the parameters and guide the process to solicit pharmacy specific, pre-identified items. The task force also was charged with developing a timeframe, budget, consideration of items to purchase, etc.

DETAILED CHARGE
Creation of a small museum honoring the profession of pharmacy in Texas.
1. Initial
   • Identify desired museum furniture, wall hangings and other articles.
   • Layout the floor space for the desired acquisitions and existing pieces.
   • Develop parameters for age, size, quality, condition, etc.
     (to assure that acquisition includes a few quality pieces and not a quantity of poor and/or duplicate items)
   • Establish a budget for the purchase of needed items that are not donated.
2. Campaign
   • Establish timeline.
   • Develop campaign materials, tax deduction forms, electronic outreach, thank you letters, etc.
   • Identify potential sources for contribution(s).
3. Other.
   • Acquire and/or purchase desired museum pieces.
   • Assure the museum is set-up appropriately along with the identification/background of each item to be displayed.

OTHER
After the project is completed, the Museum would remain under the auspices of the Foundation. As a special note, TPA still has a number of pharmacy display items in its possession.
FLOOR PLAN
See museum floor plan with dimensions below - showing a layout example with three antique pharmacy furniture pieces.