

12.3.18 FHC Board Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Vickie Merchant and a quorum was declared.
Those attending: Vickie Merchant, Leah Oliva, Rob Lawrence, John Bemrose, Janet Gaskamp, Maureen Winkelman, Carla Rinche, Donna Woolston, and Robin Jones were in attendance. Kay Betz attended by phone.
- II. The minutes from 11.5.18 were approved. The minutes of the Special Called Meeting were also approved.
- III. The November P&L was approved.
- IV. Executive Report
 - a. Volunteer hours were turned in.
 - b. Vickie recommended that the FHC rent a climate controlled storage unit for Curation Center overflow. A 10-foot by 10-foot storage unit will be paid for 2019 and the 13th month will be free. Motion was made and approved. Becky will find the best price and rent the unit.
 - c. Monica Burdette's cousin, Lilia Garcia will present her research on "Don Francisco Yturria: The Beginnings of a South Texas Entrepreneur, 1830–1870" from her thesis. Yturria is Monica's and Lilia's great-great-grandfather. Dr. Garcia is a Commissioner on the Texas Historical Commission and a professor of history at University of Texas RGV at the Brownsville campus. The joint presentation between FHC and ACHS is scheduled for March 21 at the Fulton Mansion Education Center. More details will follow.
 - d. The laptop computer being used by Keep Aransas County Beautiful since September recently needed repairs. The repairs cost approximately \$400. Motion was made and approved not to repair the laptop.
- V. Development
 - a. Foodways book – Vickie reported that the Foodways book is nearing completion, but it won't be ready by Christmas.
 - b. Art Colony Book - Kay Betz reported
 - i. The estimate from Grunwald to print the book was over \$36,000.
 - ii. Kay and Vickie met with Texas A&M University Press and they want to publish the book. They will help with subsidizing some of the costs and FHC will pay its part through the Tournament of Champions HEB Grant. Kay is in the process of collecting and photographing the art and acquiring releases from the owners and the artists. Steve Russell has painted an image which will be used for the book's cover. Kay gave an estimated time of a first draft of the book in approximately six months.
 - iii. An Advisory Group meeting will be held to discuss ways the Art Colony book can be integrated within the curriculum of ACISD as appropriate.
 - c. 2019 RF TOHH
 - i. Continued sponsorship was discussed. Motion was made and approved that FHC not sponsor the RF Tour of Historic Homes next year. Rob Lawrence will draft a letter to Pam Stranahan, but will share with the board before meeting with her and mailing her the letter.
- VI. Facilities
 - a. Vickie reported that the floor in the northeast corner of the parlor needs repair. John Strothman will be contacted. Will notify John about adding door and locks to protect member privacy. County responsible for facility.
 - b. Landscape –
 - a. Carla Rinche reported that the break in the irrigation hose was repaired. She also suggested that FHC pay someone to weed the gardens. She will get estimates.
- VII. Collections
 - a. Maureen Winkelman stated that she had received "loaned" artifacts from the Victoria Museum.
 - b. Will email Collections Committee after the first of the year for a meeting.
- VIII. Education
 - a. Leah Oliva reported about 75 people attended "Conservations between Allies".
 - b. The bookmarks for 2019 exhibits are available.
 - i. Quilting exhibit - Jan 19 till April 13,
 - ii. Barrier Islands - April 20 to Aug. 14,
 - iii. Key Allegro: A Vision for Growth - Aug. 10- Nov. 17
 1. Carla is to contact Janie White about scans made for the 50th Anniversary of Key Allegro that the ACHS has.

- iv. Celebrate a Vintage Holiday - Nov. 23 – Jan., 2020
Vickie will assist when asked.
 - c. Permanent Exhibit Update
 - i. Rob Lawrence suggested that we begin simply. The committee needs a printed inventory of the artifacts to determine what can be used in a permanent exhibit in the parlor. Shell crete will be moved soon and placed along the fence. The video must wait until the funds are available.
- IX. Publicity/Marketing
 - a. Facebook likes are 1,705.
 - b. Using \$350.00 in HOT Funds for cities 75 miles from Rockport, we reached 22K people.
 - c. Website – Rob reported that www.aransashistorycenter.org website needs to take down any representation of The History Center for Aransas County. A list of those will be sent to Rob. Rob will contact the necessary entities.
 - d. Signage downtown and on the east fence needs to be completed.
- X. Old Business
 - a. Bylaws/Operations Manual
 - i. Rob suggested that we amend the bylaws to include directors being able to attend monthly meetings via telephone.
 - ii. Rob reported that the Bylaws and Operations Manual had been revised. These will be posted on the website for easy access rather than each director having a hard copy. Notebooks will be turned in during the next meeting. One printed copy will be sent to Aransas County. The County Attorney will be contacted as to if she wants to approve the Bylaws
 - iii. New Board members
 - 1. Patty Albin, Julie Howard and Bill Beasley have been nominated to the FHC Board. Motion was approved to include these nominees as directors.
 - 2. An application for another board member will be sent to Carla as she has someone who might be interested.
- XI. New Business
 - a. 2019 Officers
 - i. Maureen, nomination chair, recommended the following for 2019 FHC Officers:
 - 1. Rob Lawrence President
 - 2. Leah Oliva Vice-president
 - 3. John Bemrose Treasurer
 - 4. Donna Woolston Secretary

A vote will take place at January 7, 2019 meeting when new directors are in attendance.
 - b. The Secretary will collect Volunteer hours and give to the President so that he can use them in the quarterly reports.
- XII. Meeting was adjourned.

Dates to Remember

12/8/18 Docents appreciation party at Vickie's

12/10/18 Commissioner's court at AC Court House

Sunday Programs at 2pm

12-16-18- Sue Hastings, Author of Aransas – "The Last Karankawa"

1-6-19 Jace Tunnell- "The Pape and Tunnell Survey and Collections of Indian Artifacts"

January Board Meeting-January 7, 2019 at 5pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Jones, Secretary