**Friends of the History Center**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 10, 2023**

**5:30 PM (via Zoom)**

Meeting was called to order by Ron Melvin.

No citizens were present.

**MINUTES**

Pam made a motion to approve September 2023 minutes. Melinda seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS’S REPORTS**

Melinda:

* Melinda made a motion and Melinda seconded to accept September 2023 treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
* Pam/Ron: we need to look at budget ideas for next year (Melinda will chair).

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Pam:

* Volunteer of the year: Pam suggests Maggie for work in library.
  + Pam made a motion and Ron seconded to approve Maggie. Motion passed.
* Nominating committee for 2023: Melanie, Joe, and Melissa.

**DEVELOPMENT**

Melinda:

* LAC project –Phase II will not occur due to unforeseen circumstances.
* Grant requests: $5,000 from Barrow Foundation; $15,000 from MS Rust
  + Castaways requested but not presented yet; Rachal and. E. Sams have been submitted.

**EDUCATION**

Pam:

* Health Care Professionals exhibit: aiming for January opening. Seeking professionals for content.
* Collectors exhibit – successful opening; programs upcoming:
  + Oct. 15, Sun. 2 PM: Black powder guns by Robert Walker & Howard Jones
  + Oct. 28, Sat. 10-3PM: Harbor Haunts at the TMM (FHC table with Maureen Winkelman).
  + Oct. 29, Sun. 2 PM: Archeology & Collectors by David Kroskie, TPWD, & Pam Stranahan, TAS.
* Student outreach: 200 students at Rockport–Fulton Middle School attended.
* Mondays and Wednesdays: Odyssey after school.

**FACILITIES**

Melanie:

* Kept hummer bird feeders filled (many present).
* Plants were kept watered.
* Pam: Hummer breakfast was successful.

**PUBLICITY**

Ron:

* Amy has been conducting social media distributions.
* Quarterly report: social media engagement has been very successful, especially due to middle school program.
* Pam: Eric has suggestions for digital outreach (TBD).
* Leslie: seeking permission to share videos of exhibits (Board considers this acceptable).

**COLLECTIONS**

Pam:

* Cases were prepared for Collectors exhibit.
* Past Perfect entries completed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ron:

* Dec.12 – potluck appreciation event for board and docents at Inn on Fulton Harbor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ron/Pam:

* Form 990 for 2022 has been filed.
* Arbor Week celebrations: tree will be planted at HC (being contributed).
* Since Phase II from Chamber scrubbed, funds needed for desk for Amy.
  + Pam made motion for authorization for Amy to choose desk (up to $500) and use grant funds (ACHC grant) to pay for it. Leslie seconded. Motion passed.
* Leslie would like to plant medicinal herbs at HC; will use local, nonpoisonous plants. Melanie will assist.

Next meeting – November 14, 5:30 PM via Zoom

Melinda made a motion and Melanie seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes recorded by Dave Kroskie

Present at meeting:

Ron Melvin

Pam Stranahan

Melinda Gudim

Melanie Konarik

Leslie Albrecht

Dave Kroskie