

8.6.18
FHC Board Minutes

- I. Vickie Merchant, President, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. Others present included Leah Oliva, Rob Lawrence, John Bemrose, Janet Gaskamp, David Swartwout and Robin Jones.
- II. Executive Report-Vickie
 - a. Volunteer hours were collected.
 - b. The number of guests who visited in July was 141.
- c. A grant was obtained from Work Force for a secretary working 40 hours/week. Becky Sanders, our current part time secretary, will interview August 15. Her monthly salary from September to December, 2017 can be saved as well as from January to August 31, 2019.
- d. Due to Lisa Kaye Knoblett and Alejandra Pena relocating, their positions will need to a replacement. Kay Betz will fill Lisa Kay Knoblett's term (2019) and Donna Woolston will replace Alejandra Pena (2020).
- III. The FHC 6.4. 18 Board Minutes were approved. The minutes of the Permanent Exhibit Committee were also approved.
- IV. The June & July P&Ls were approved and accepted.
- V. Development
 - a. Grants –
 - i. Vickie reported that of the \$5,000 requested to print The Art Colony book from the Texas Historical Foundation, \$1,000 was granted with the caveat that we receive matching funds of \$1,000.
 - ii. Art Colony book – Kay Betz reported that a grant had been sent to an anonymous donor for the rest of printing of The Art Colony book. Those results are pending.
 - iii. We will receive a \$7,750 grant from Castaways on September 11th. We have applied for a \$10,000 grant from Castaways for 2018, but received in 2019 to be used for supplies for the whooper, monarch butterfly and the 1823-1984 murals and informational signs for Stewards of Nature outdoors.
 - iv. Ed Rachal Grant for video production is pending
- VI. Membership
 - i. ACISD –David Swartwout reported that he is still sharing information with the teachers and staff, but at this time everyone is very busy getting the school year started.
 - ii. Business Members – Carla & John - Tabled
- VII. Facilities/ Landscaping
 - a. Facilities – Retail display cabinet storage in place. Will paint the other one when weather cools.
 - b. Landscaping – Lloyd/Carla/
 - i. Picked up mulch, hoses and Y for two hoses for the Wildscape; Gary added a timer for soaker hose
 - ii. No County money for new hoses for irrigation system. John reported that it was fixed.
 - iii. Plant Exchange Partnership – KACB
 1. The FHC is partnering with Keep Aransas County Beautiful for them to share the Plant Exchange, the gardens, and other duties that correlate.
- VIII. Collections – Maureen Winkelman
 - a. Curations – still entering last donations passed by Collections committee
 - b. Collector's Corner – Need volunteers to present, Oct., Nov.
 - i. Maureen Winkelman will present "Ruby Red Glassware" on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 2:00 pm
 - ii. October and November dates are covered by the Archeology programs
- IX. Education
 - a. Hummerbird Breakfast – *Sat., Sept. 15 at 8 am* –
 - i. Docents – Leah Oliva will get additional help. Vickie will be on duty from 8-10 am that Saturday morning.
 - b. Hummerbird Feeders – Instead of FHC board members refilling the feeders, KACB will put the feeders out, make the sugar water and Becky and Rosemary will refill them.
 - c. Piecemakers by the Bay would like to have an exhibit again this January.

- d. The Foodways book progress – Vickie is rebuilding and augmenting posters used in that exhibit.
- e. Art Colony Book progress- Kay Betz reported that the book is coming along and that she has been attending additional workshops to learn about the art scene during the time of the formation of the art colony here.

X. Publicity/Marketing

- a. New Bookmarks and Business Cards with new web URL are available. Vickie encouraged everyone to take some and share with friends
- b. Alternate ideas on signage – Rob Lawrence
 - i. Rob will look at the ordinances and see what else can be done by contacting the owner.
 - ii. Downtown signage – Vickie needs to contact the sign painter. The group decided that having a man and woman in 1890s bathing suits would be a good idea.
- c. Facebook likes – 2,117

XI. Old Business

- a. The new website was discussed and changes based on those suggestions will be made after Becky is working full time.
- b. Permanent Exhibit – Rob Lawrence
 - i. Minutes (See attached)
 - ii. Next meeting date – no meeting date has been determined.
 - iii. Video contractors- Rob has contacted the people who developed “The Texas Navy” film on display at the Texas Maritime Museum as well as one other. Others will be contacted.

XII. New Business

- a. Out of town - Becky August 6-10; Vickie out of town from Aug. 13 – August 26.
- b. Keep AC Beautiful – Memorandum of Understanding – Rob Lawrence reported that this has been delivered to the KACB and we are waiting for them to return.
- c. Mural – whooping crane; butterfly; movers and shakers 1823-1984.
 - i. Funds have been secured from the 2016 Sours grant to allocate for those expenses.
- d. Rockport Art Center Plans for new building
 - i. The Board moved for Vickie to write a letter to Corey Dunn, Regional Environmental Officer, Depart of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Suite 206, Austin, TX 78701 opposing Kline’s building being demolished.

XIII. Adjourn

IMPORTANT DATES to REMEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 9 – Maureen Winkelman presents Ruby Red Glassware for Collectors Corner

Monday, Sept. 17 - Take down Foodways, etc,

Tuesday, Sept. 18 – help hang Archeology Exhibit. Pam will attend the next board meeting to share her plans.

Friday, Sept. 21 – Docent’s Training

Sat., Sept. 22 - Opening 10:00 am; Guided Tours on Sat. Sept. 22 at 11 & 2; Sun., Sept. 23 at 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Jones

Secretary