**Friends of the History Center**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 20, 2024**

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

Meeting was called to order by Ron Melvin.

No citizens were present.

**MINUTES**

Pam made a motion to approve January 2023 minutes. Joe seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS’S REPORTS**

Melinda:

* Ron made a motion and Mel seconded to accept January 2024 treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ron/Pam:

* Aransas Pathways plan was sent to board members to review
  + New coordinator for program (Bridget Trevino)
* Commissioners’ Court quarterly report delayed until this coming Monday
* Board recommended $1,000 annual bonus for Amy. Pam made motion to accept, Dave seconded. Motion passed.

**DEVELOPMENT**

Melinda:

* Grants received: $3,000 Castaways, $6,000 from Rachal Foundation; $3,000 from O’Connor-Hewitt Foundation
  + Proposals sent to Sours Foundation and Earl Sams Foundation. Awaiting response.
* We get multiple requests for historical info per week – board members agreed to assist in addressing them.

**EDUCATION**

Pam:

* Programs (all successful): Jan. 20 opening of “Healing Hands,” Feb. 4 by Leslie Albrecht, Feb. 18 by Joe Fox
* Mar. 3 Rockport Cemetery tour
  + Joe will be involved – kids will give presentations on founders of Rockport and Fulton, possibly wear costumes
  + Melinda will also participate, plus activities from Pam
* Outreach – Pam conducted talk for Port Aransas Historical Assoc. (140 attended)
* History Cruise in April or May – Will inquire with guides about a Friday, plus look at an additional summer date with Joe as guide

**FACILITIES**

Melanie/Pam:

* HC alarm is malfunctioning; pathways will address (note: Ring system still works)
* Plants are being tended to
* Lights on flags – were off one night, needs to be addressed
* Both flags may need to be replaced, if so, Boy Scouts (or other appropriate organization) will properly dispose of; Melinda will coordinate
* Bird feeders will be put back up
* Bookcases – Maggie reorganized to fit all needed materials

**PUBLICITY**

Pam/Ron:

* Amy – website upgrades, ads in Pilots, social media
* Eric printed posters

**COLLECTIONS**

Joe/Pam:

* Maureen and Maggie are in process of organizing the collections in the garage and storage units

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Ron:**

* Seeking new members (individual and business)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ron:**

* Ron will develop a way to establish an endowment and present it to the board members; will have updates each month
  + Pam – strategic plan will be helpful in the establishment
* HC Strategic plan meeting – must commit to a date; possibly a Saturday

Next meeting – March 12th at 5:30 via Zoom.

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

Minutes recorded by Dave Kroskie

Present at meeting:

Ron Melvin

Pam Stranahan

Melanie Konarik

Melinda Gudim

Eric Koenig

Leslie Albrecht

Joe Fox

Dave Kroskie