**Friends of the History Center**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 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 November 2023 minutes (there was no formal December meeting). Melinda seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS’S REPORTS**

Melinda/Ron:

* Leslie made a motion and Pam seconded to accept November/December 2023 treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
* Draft 2024 budget has been presented and approved.
* Pam: payroll – Need more funding for administration to be sustainable; perhaps can create endowment; memberships – perhaps create committee to get more business memberships.
* Consider gift basket for Gary Cole to thank for submitting Q reports.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ron/Pam:

* Bridget Trevino is the new coordinator for Aransas Pathways, with increased emphasis on marketing.

**DEVELOPMENT**

Melinda:

* Memberships – we will participate in Winter Texas event and engage businesses and individuals.
* Rachal Foundation – we’ve turned in request and are awaiting response.

**EDUCATION**

Pam:

* Dec. 2–29: “Historical Holiday” – very well-received.
* Jan. 20: “Healing Hands: Healthcare in Ar. Co.” opening; docent preview on Jan. 19.
	+ Descendants of Roaten and Johnson will be available for discussion on opening.
	+ Will consider putting on Facebook Live.
* Program invitation postcards have been sent out.
* Pam will also advertise at several public talks.

**FACILITIES**

Melanie/Pam:

* Gift shop reorganized; consider any new additions needed.
* Floors will be repaired before next exhibit.
* Paths have gotten new surfaces.

**PUBLICITY**

Ron:

* Promotions via Amy have received much attention on social media.

**COLLECTIONS**

Pam:

* Public was active in contributing artifacts for Healing Hands exhibit.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Ron:**

* During a brief informal meeting on December 12th, the directors for 2024–2026 were elected: Ron Melvin, Melinda Gudim, and Melanie Konarik.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Melanie:**

* Election of 2024 officers – all current officers will continue to serve. Leslie made a motion and Melinda seconded to accept the slate presented. Motion passed.
	+ President: Ron Melvin, Vice President: Pam Stranahan, Secretary: Dave Kroskie, Treasurer: Melinda Gudim
* Standing Committees members will remain the same for 2024.

Next meeting – February 13th at 5:30 via Zoom.

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

Minutes recorded by Dave Kroskie

Present at meeting:

Ron Melvin

Pam Stranahan

Melanie Konarik

Melinda Gudim

Eric Koenig

Leslie Albrecht

Dave Kroskie