

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2020
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRIENDS OF
THE HISTORY CENTER OF ARANSAS COUNTY**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:49. Meeting was held by conference call due to COVID restrictions on gatherings . A quorum by phone was met. Attending Join Bemrose, Pam Stranahan, Maureen Winkleman, Kathryn Morrow, David Kroskie, Leah Oliva.
2. NO CITIZENS TO BE HEARD
3. The minutes for the March 2 Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. The March 2019 P & L simplification was reviewed and approved.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. EXECUTIVE REPORT –Pam Stranahan – Becky reports that the Quickbooks version needs upgrading and the cost is about \$500. Jon motioned to approve the expenditure, Maureen seconded. Jon then discussed the availability of an SMBA payroll grant we can apply for. It would cover up to \$1500/ 2 months of payroll for Becky. Jon moved to approve to apply, Pam seconded.
 - b. DEVELOPMENT – Jon – Becky did send out March renewals, but commercial memberships are on hold until Fall, since few are actually doing business. We need a better presence on Facebook. With the new ban on public meetings, it was decided that the Hispanic Exhibit will stay up for May and June, followed by Sails Rails and Planes for July and August. This may change if the viral pandemic does not abate
 - c. EXHIBITS – Maureen Winkelman – Not much to do since the center is closed.
 - d. FACILITIES Pam - Pat the gardener is working well, and the building has been power washed and painted. The painter did get into some stinging nettle in the area inside the ramp, and was so affected he couldn't finish painting. Kathryn volunteered to come and spray all the nettle she can find.
 - e. PUBLICITY – Leah - We need to put reviews on public media like Twitter, Yelp, etc. for more exposure, especially since everyone is using public media to communicate during the quarantine.
6. OLD BUSINESS - Pam - Pam reported that a docent fell and broke her ankle in 2018, and the case has delayed so long, she is now going to sue. The matter was just for our information and does not concern the members or committee, as it is an insurance issue. b. Art Colony Book – Kay Betz did send around an

email on the progress of book distribution and launch events. The book will now not be published until Spring 2021.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Kathryn suggested that the ASCHS make a formal presentation of the Airport paper to airport manager Mike Geer, with the opportunity to have press coverage. Presentation could either be at the airport or the Center.

8. MAY BOARD MEETING set for May 5 at 5:30. No committee Meetings set this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 6:20.