

Friends of the History Center

Minutes for the Board of Directors, Feb 11, 2020

Attending: Kathryn Morrow, Leah Oliva, David Kroskie, Maureen Winkelman, Pam Stranahan, Linda Haynes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 and a quorum declared. MOTION to approve minutes as read, Pam Stranahan, SECOND, Leah Oliva. Minutes and P&L 2020 were reported by Leah Oliva.

Citizens to Be Heard – None appeared.

Old Business:

Discussion and report on Winter Texan appreciation Day by Kathryn Morrow, Pam Stranahan in the Executive Committee minutes.

Pam Stranahan reported that youth participation in the weeding and mulching of the grounds was also completed, with the front beds looking very neat.

The Hispanic Heritage exhibit has been well attended, and we have received artifact donations as a result of it. Several Board members mentioned compliments they had heard for having an exhibit on the Hispanic citizens of our county. Pam Stranahan passed around illustrated copies of the Quarterly Report to the County Commissioner's Court held Feb. 10, 2020. The report covered exhibits from November and December 2019 and January 2020.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee - Pam Stranahan, John Bemrose, Maureen Winkelman.

1. The Foodways book sales have begun again for 2020, with initially slow results. No books were sold at the Winter Texan appreciation Day, our first public forum.
2. The new budget from the Art Colony book project, as well as a discussion of the restrictions on the HEB grant were received, and our participation in book signings, advertising, etc. was discussed. The publisher, TAMU, and the sponsor, will receive the largest portion of proceeds, and we are not sure yet how many books we will be allotted to sell.

3. Our participation in the Chamber of Commerce Winter Texan Day is reported in the committees' section of the minutes
4. As per last month's discussion, the FHC did secure a table at the Lagoons RV Arts and Crafts Show Feb. 8. Leah Oliva and Kathryn Morrow set up, with Leah Oliva manning the booth half time, and Pam Stranahan manning the second shift. Again, there was no poster or identifying banner, so only the people we were able to talk to directly had any idea who we were. Some book sales, and more one- to- one awareness of who we are, where we are, and what we do.

Education Committee – Maureen Winkelman

1. Maureen requested assistance with the take down of the current exhibit in March.

Finance Committee - John Bemrose being absent, Pam Stranahan reported.

1. The Historical Commissions Sesquicentennial Committee had requested to employ Becky Sanders from the FHC for a few hours per month to handle the accounting for the project and have the receipts and disbursements handled through our 501c3. This issue was tabled last month.

Development Committee – Nancy Barrera being absent, Pam Stranahan filled the Board in

1. Grants applied for and received, and other monies in. Membership drive, donor Events and other items Nancy was responsible for were tabled until we could check further with her.

Facilities Committee –

1. The grounds are receiving help from 10 students for a few hours to work in the gardens and pathway.
2. Our first 2020 Plant exchange day was **Feb 22**.
3. The window frame repairing and painting, along with the house, appears to be forthcoming. ...
4. The need for some type of roof on the shellcrete exhibit in the yard was discussed.

Collections Committee – No report.

Meeting Adjourned: The next board meeting Mar. 2nd, 2020 5:30 – 7:30 PM.
Secretary, Kathryn Morrow