

Friends of the History Center May Board Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2018

I. Vickie Merchant, President, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. In attendance:

Vickie Merchant, President, Leah Oliva, Vice-president, John Bemrose, Treasurer, Robin Jones, Secretary, Lisa Kaye Knoblett, Rob Lawrence, Maureen Winkelman and David Swartwout.

II. Approve FHC Board Minutes 4.9.18 -David Swartwout moved to accept the minutes as written; Rob Lawrence seconded the motion; Motion passed.

III. Approve April P & L –Rob Lawrence moved to accept the P&L; David Swartwout second the motion, Motion passed.

IV. Executive Report

a. Volunteer hours turned in and calendars handed out to keep tally for month to be submitted monthly to President.

b. Ask Becky to check on E-Blast.

c. FHC participated in RF Chamber Expo on April 26.

i. Lisa Kay and Robin report business 3-5 - Lisa handed out Plant exchange information and Membership brochures

ii. Maureen report business 5-7, same, many people stopped and talked. They have heard of us, but do not know where we are.

d. Vickie talked to owner at Raudi Maui for FHC photo op sign that includes a map and photo of HC.

c. Data from Sign in (handout)

2014-2018 Sign in Data Handout- 2017 showed in first 8 months FHC welcomed 1,978 visitors. Of those, 400 were attributed to the TOHH. Exhibit visitors included 1,578, which would have almost topped 2016 at 1,604 without TOHH. Months with opening had greater numbers.

Attendance from Feb. 24 through April, 2018 = 403.

d. 2-\$500 Scholarships were awarded -David reported that the two handed out were very appreciative, they lost their houses in hurricane Harvey; Submissions were passed out to Board Members. Money will be sent directly to universities in their names. Thank you received and posted.

e. Vicki will buy a book for \$44.00 to put in our library by Robin Johnson written by GT kids.

f. Laura Clark-10 hours per month gardener. Ask if weed killer sprayed, Irrigation not working, Plants need watering. Irrigation is now working on east side of house, after broken when planting lantanas.

g. Thursday May 17th 9:30am supply muffins and OJ requested by Phil Albin for South Texas Historical Association at Fulton Mansion for a Genealogy workshop.

V. Development

a. Grants- Kay will work on. See Permeant Exhibit Minutes handout

b. Membership – 203, only 2 teachers free membership

VI. a. Facilities

- i. Fence cost \$14,000.00 Vicki told Cameron “no”, we will wait
 - ii. Dirt & Spreading 2 loads to deliver after fence and someone reasonable to spread for ruts
- b. Landscape – Lisa Kaye

Derby Day Plant Exchange 16 attended, served non-alcoholic mint Julips, NauticalFair also at same time. A couple of new, just now hearing about our plant exchange.

VII. Collections – Maureen Winkelman

- a. Committee Meeting 5/10 at 2pm Everyone welcome

Meeting will cover over 100 entries, estimated to post in Past Perfect 60-70 hours

- b. Ancestry.com Subscription -Will subscribe after purchase of computer. Passwords different for public use. Docents will sign in. Curation will use when not in use by public. Public will not be able to change anything. We will take appointments to use computer for Ancestry during our open hours.

- c. Computer – Leah was asked if the \$650.00 computer at Walmart- no tax would meet our needs.

VIII. Education

- a. Salute to military comes down July 8th.

- b. Food Culinary will be up July 14 to September 22

- c. Painting party of new exhibit cases-Lisa Kaye, Maureen, and Vicki will paint

- d. Gary and Lloyd will pick up new 8’ antique display case from Estelle Stair Gallery

- e. Upcoming Events

- i. May 27-Kathryn Morrow History of Rockport Air Force Station HC.

- June 16- Military Band 6-8pm with refreshments

- Vicki will send invitations VFW and GI Forum, John to American Legion,

- f. Permanent Exhibit Meeting on May 3,2018-Rob Hand out of meeting 6 eras.

- g. Website Committee Update -Rob still need to meet with Scott

- h. Foodways Book update

IX. Publicity/Marketing

- a. Facebook likes - 1,369+

- b. Rob will work on placing signs advertising our location. Vicki will send Lloyd’s contact information to Rob. We need something to sign to send to owner of the property.

X. Old Business

- a. Website Committee Meeting Update-. Committee Members: Rob Lawrence, David Swartwout, & John Bemrose. Will schedule date and time to meet with Scott Wagert.

XI. New Business

- a. Wednesday 11:00 AM KIII-TV at HC

- WWI – Invited TMM to attend since they loaned us the information

b. May 26 participate in Connie Hagar Day- Take Standup, posters & promotional & retail material

c. May 27 Sunday 2:00 PM Kathryn Morrow on Rockport Air Force Station

d. Hummingbird Celebration – Sep. 13-16

i. Breakfast for 80 Sat. Sept. 15 8:00 AM; plan to attend. Additional docents needed from 8-10 am to add to regular hours.

ii. Info on Connie Hagar; Posters on Easels: someone to share story

iii. Additional docents needed for Friday noon to 4 or 5 PM, Saturday from 4-5, Sunday -regular hours

e. Additional Concerns

XII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Jones

Dates to Remember:

Sun. May 6- 2pm Collector's Corner – Howard Jones – War Horse; 4th HC Birthday Party with cake

Sun. May 27 – 2pm Kathryn Morrow- History of Rockport Air Force Station

Mon. May 28 – Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans Memorial Park 10am

Monday, June 4, 2018 FHC Board Meeting changed to 5:30PM

Sat., June 16 – 6-7pm Ram Chavez & Veterans Band – Celebration of Flag Day