

Friends of the History Center
April 9, 2018 Board Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared. In attendance were: Vickie Merchant, Leah Oliva, John Bemrose, Janet Gaskamp, Lisa Kaye Knoblett, Rob Lawrence, Maureen Winkelman, Carla Krueger Rinche, and Robin Jones. The Board welcomed new board member, Alejandra Pena
- II. The minutes from the Board Meeting of 2.5.18 and 3.12.18 were accepted as written.
- III. The P&L Report from February and March were also accepted.
- IV. Executive Report
 - a. A yearly calendar was handed out to all board members to be able to keep up with volunteer hours. These are used in applying for grants and quarterly reports to the Commissioner's Court. Board members recorded their hours and returned them.
 - b. Lloyd Matthews has notified the Board as to his resignation as Treasurer effective immediately. He will remain a board member and serve as Facilities Chair. A formal letter of resignation will be needed. A new treasurer will be need to be elected.
 - c. John Bemrose volunteered to replace Lloyd as Treasurer. Motion passed.
 - i. Officers for the 2018 Board include:
 1. Vickie Merchant – President
 2. Leah Oliva – Vice President
 3. John Bemrose – Treasurer
 4. Robin Jones - Secretary
 - d. John also shared that we might consider investing our savings account funds into other areas.
 - e. Vickie recommended that Sandy Garrison return to the board to be Publicity Chair and help with the Education Committee as new exhibits are researched.
 - f. John was asked to invite veterans group to take a special group tour of the exhibit.
- V. Development
 - a. Grants - At this time, no new grants have been received.
 - b. Membership – at this time, the Membership is at 202.
- VI.
 - a. Facilities – Floor in Parlor has been repaired so it can be used for exhibits. Vickie will write
 - Richard Dias a thank you note for fixing the floor.
 - b. Landscape – Lisa reported that volunteers worked two days on cleaning the flower beds.
 - It was moved and seconded that the Board hire Laura Clark to weed the beds a minimum of 10 hours each month at \$15 per hour. If more is needed, it will be discussed at future meetings.
 - Nine were in attendance at the Plant Exchange in April. Lisa suggested using the May 5th Plant Exchange as Derby Day and wearing decorated hats.
 - Two loads of sandy loam are needed to fill in the ruts on the east side of the garage and grade it toward the east property line.
 - Vickie will check with contractors on a bid for repairing the fence as well as check on the irrigation system with John Strothman, project manager of Pathways.
- VII. Collections –
 - a. Maureen Winkelman reported that library books could be checked out by board members and docents. If a friend of a board member wants to use a book, the board member will check out the book and be responsible for it.
 - b. It was moved, seconded and passed that the History Center procure a subscription to Ancestry.com which includes Newspaper.com and Fold3 for future research.
 - c. Lisa moved that the Board purchase a new computer, printer and large external hard drive for the use of Ancestry by visitors and allow Robin and Maureen two venues to enter curations information via Past Perfect. Only Becky and Board Members will have passwords and email information. Robin seconded the motion; motion was approved.
 - d. Donated books have been entered into Past Perfect. A Curations Committee Meeting will be called soon.

VIII. Education Committee

Opening of “Salute to Aransas County Military”

- a. Meet and Greet was attended by at least 31 people for the South Texas Historical Association Symposium. Very positive feedback was received by those attending.
- b. The opening for the exhibit was attended by 69 people including RFHS students representing the NJROTC and art, choir, band, and theatre students and parents.
- c. Rescheduled 2018 Exhibits
 - i. Salute to AC Military until July 8
 - ii. Encore: Foodways: Cultural Traditions of Aransas County July 14-Sept. 16
 1. A new exhibit on postcards is tentatively set during this time in which the parlor and library may be used.
 - iii. Archeology begins September 22. Not sure of ending date at this time.
 - iv. Rockport Fulton Tour of Historic Homes is scheduled for December 1 and 2, 2018 with the FHC receiving the proceeds.
 - v. It was suggested that “Barrier Islands” be added to the 2019 schedule for exhibits and recycling The Newseum since 2019 will be the 150th Anniversary of the Rockport Pilot. The Piecemakers by the Bay Quilting Guild will also be contacted for a January exhibit in 2019.
- d. Permanent exhibit Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 3, 5:30 pm at the History Center.
 - i. Slide show of photos from Varner Hogg, Rosenberg and Star of the Republic Museum will be shown.

IX. Publicity/Marketing

- a. Rob Lawrence offered to research City of Rockport’s sign ordinance for a 2’x 4’ sign to be placed on corner of Sabinal and Pearl or possibly a sign on the fence of that property.
- b. Facebook likes – 1,299

X. Old Business

- a. RFHS Scholarships will be awarded April 24 from 6-8 pm at the high school mall. It was moved and seconded that FHC provide two scholarships at \$500 each. Motion passed. David is to send scholarship applications and make recommendations for the recipients. Each year the Board will revisit awarding scholarships based on the funds received from retail sales.

XI. New Business

- a. Website Committee Meeting
-David will set the date for meeting with full committee. In May, a pre-committee meeting will be set.

- XII. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 with Carla moving and John seconding the motion; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Jones

Important Dates: To set up and break down:

April 15 – 2:00 pm Pat Garland – book signing

April 22 – 2:00 pm Joe Riekers – the History of the Texas Guard

May 6th – 2:00 pm 4th Birthday Party followed by Howard Jones – War Horses

May 7th – 5:00 pm FHC Board Meeting

May 27 – 2:00 pm Kathryn Morrow – History of the Rockport Air Force Station.