

**FHC Board Meeting
Minutes
Sept. 14th (zoom) 5:30 PM**

Meeting was called to order by President Pam Stranahan

Citizens

Pam received a request from Connie Arrington to help retrieve marriage licenses from the 1950's. Pam told her the HC has no way of accessing those records, but suggested agencies she might contact.

Minutes

Ron made a motion to accept amended minutes. John seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

John made a motion to approve insurance renewal. Mel seconded. Motion passed.

Ron made a motion to accept treasurer's report. Maureen accepted.

The following topics were also discussed:

Ron, John, Maureen, Pam, and Becky will meet to discuss next year's budget.

Ron requested that an account balance be included in monthly treasurer's report.

Executive Committee

Pam and Kam Wagert presented a zoom program "Aransas County in Postcards" at August Tropical Trails meeting. (70 participants)

30 "ABC's of Art" books were donated to Rockport Learning Center for grades 4 and 5.

Arcadia Publishing Company requested the HC write a book about the history of Aransas County. At the present time, the HC has two books pending and declined the offer.

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Sept. 16th the Sesquicentennial committee is having a wrap up luncheon at Aransas County courthouse. The public is welcome.

Mel and Dave volunteered to serve on committee to nominate board members in Nov., and officers in Dec.

Development

Pam and Becky sent out 60 individual membership letters.

A photo op from the Texas Historical Foundation grant that was given to HC will occur on Nov. 5th.

The HC received a \$1,689 grant from the Coastal Bend Community Foundation to fund Vietnamese exhibit.

Pam is asking for a grant from Humanities of Texas to be applied to Becky's salary and exhibit projects.

Education

Sunday programs:

August-Goose Island was presented with 15 to 20 present.

Sept. 18th - Connie Hagar

The first week in Sept. a Connie Hagar corner was set up to coincide with Hummer Festival.

Leah reported her book to coincide with Vietnamese exhibit will be sent to publisher soon. Posters for the exhibit are near completion.

Laura Lee will be working with Pam to interview older Vietnamese residents.

The Vietnamese Exhibit will run from Jan. -April. Dat Nuygen will speak at opening.

Topics for remaining exhibits for 2022 were decided. May- August will be "Heroines of Aransas County", and Sept.- Dec. will be "What and Why We Collect".

Publicity

Pam submitted an article about Connie Hagar exhibit to the Rockport Pilot.

Beautifying garden postcards were sent out to kick off commemorative brick campaign. Bricks can be ordered on website. A QR code to purchase bricks is included on postcard.

Collections

Intern, Landyn, is making good progress in accessioning artifacts in Past Perfect.

Facilities

Mel has been working with Hummer festival and making sure feeders are regularly filled.

Gardener, Cindy, is making sure gardens are in tip top shape for festival.

HC is working with Pathways to kick off festival. Poker cards will be passed out at 5 hummer locations. They will come to HC to see who has the best poker hand. As a prize, binoculars will be handed out at the HC for the best poker hand.

Old Business

Laura Lee List requested \$1,000 to re-record audio for the "By the Beautiful Sea" skit done by the Little Theater for Sesquicentennial. The original audio was inadequate.

John made a motion we absorb \$1000 from the "Voices" exhibit to fund this project. Ron seconded. Motion passed.

Kay Betz reported Art Colony book should be ready in Feb. She requested a book signing be held on a Sunday in Feb.

New Business

Nominee applicants for new board members were considered:

Father Tung Tran

Melinda Gudim

Maureen made a motion we accept both applicants as members of the HC board.

John seconded. Motion passed.

Poetry Society of Aransas County had asked to use the HC for monthly meetings. After discussion with Pathways, it was decided that a board member would have to open and close for Fri. evening meetings. There were no volunteers, so Pam contacted the group to tell them it was not possible.

Meeting adjourned.

Maureen Winkelman

Next meeting
Oct. 12th
5:30 PM (zoom)

Present at meeting:

Pam Stranahan Mel Konarik Ron Melvin John Bemrose Maureen Winkelman
Sandy Garrison Dave Kronskey