**Friends of the History Center**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 9, 2023**

**5:00 PM (via Zoom)**

Meeting was called to order by Ron Melvin.

No citizens were present.

**MINUTES**

Melinda made a motion to approve April 2023 minutes. Pam seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS’S REPORT** (Melinda)

* Pam made a motion and Dave seconded to accept April 2023 treasurer’s report. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Pam:

* Many inquiries from public; Pam reached out to locals who may be knowledgeable about the various subjects

**DEVELOPMENT**

Melinda:

* Bookshelves almost done (hopefully next week) for LAC project; requested check from chamber for other items
* Will utilize other funds (from fundraisers) for items for sale
* Business members – Melinda will follow up on prospects
* Application for Coastal Bend Community Foundation is being worked on (will be sent out Friday)
	+ Asking for $7,500

**EDUCATION**

Pam:

* Two new docents
* May 19, 11:30 AM docent training; notice sent to Pilot
* May 20, 10 AM “Our Heritage from the Rage: Ranching & Farming” commencing
	+ Goose Island State Park will have activities, plus “old timer” talk and bluegrass music
* September exhibits: being developed

Joe:

* Blackland Museum will donate artifacts for “Our Heritage” exhibit
* Agreed to be narrator for the Cruise; will figure out a date (maybe early June)
* Possible collaboration with THC on some programs/activities (will keep us updated); e.g., for students

**FACILITIES**

Pam:

* Additional signs put together, just need to be put in

Melinda:

* LAC will come in and help w/ weeding and mulching in garden

**PUBLICITY**

Ron:

* New card to promote “Our Heritage” exhibit in place
* Lots of interest in fossils exhibit on social media

Pam:

* Sent photos of Connie Hagar for ACHS calendar contest
* Sent small poster for RCA re “Our Heritage” for exhibit set for June
* Possible Fall exhibit – patrons in south Texas

**COLLECTIONS**

Joe:

* [artifact donations discussed above]

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Action needed on recruitment (remember to actually ask); Melinda will engage LAC Class

**NEW BUSINESS**

Pam:

* Rockport City Council meeting tonight; will represent history groups (Historic Preservation Month)
* Next meeting is June 13th at 5:30 PM (via Zoom).

Joe:

* Will inquire about artifacts/materials for next week’s exhibit

Ron made a motion and Joe seconded to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes recorded by Dave Kroskie

Present at meeting:

Ron Melvin

Pam Stranahan

Melinda Gudim

Joe Fox

Dave Kroskie