

**FHC Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom)**  
**May 11, 2021**  
**5:30 PM**

Meeting was called to order by President Pam Stranahan.

**CITIZENS**

No citizens were present.

**MINUTES**

John made a motion to accept minutes for April. Mel seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Maureen made a motion to accept treasurer's report for April. Ron seconded. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT**

A joint proclamation concerning the Aransas Sesquicentennial by the FHC, Aransas Historical Society, and Aransas Historical Commission will be read to commissioner's court on May 10th. At their new location on Austin St, the Little Theater will present a beautiful sea musical with songs and vignettes every Sat. in June (beginning June 12th) to coincide with the sesquicentennial. These presentations will be recorded and incorporated in video for the permanent exhibit at the HC.

Thurs., May 13th, historical preservation awards will be presented at the HC. Awards will be given to the HC for the moving and restoration of the FHC building, Rockport Cemetery Assoc., and Jeff and Ann Hunt for preservation and restoration of the Fulton Bruhl house.

On May 18th, Tropical Trails will present (via zoom) a video about the HC exhibit "Voices of the Past".

**DEVELOPMENT**

Pam is working on grants for a children's book about immigrant Vietnamese children in Rockport. The book will be approximately 20 pages, and will coincide with Vietnamese exhibit opening at the HC in Jan. 300 copies will be published. About 200 copies will be distributed to either 4th or 5th grade students in Rockport. The remaining 100 copies will be available for sale at the HC. Leah is working on procuring Dat Nguyen as guest speaker at Jan. opening.

**EDUCATION**

"Voices of the Past" exhibit will open on Sat., May 15th at 10:00 AM. Phil Albin will read speech written by David Murrow about the history and development of Aransas County.

Maureen made a motion that the HC participate in the sesquicentennial parade on June 19th. John seconded. Motion passed.

**FACILITIES**

Mel is filling hummingbird and bird feeders.

Gardener, Cindy Cox, is keeping up with weeding, pruning, and planting in gardens. Most plants have recovered from the freeze and are thriving.

The Aransas County Historical Commission is going to provide signage for outside Copano Bridge exhibit.

#### PUBLICITY

Eblasts and Facebook articles are being posted almost daily.

Articles in the Rockport Pilot (both stories and advertising) are being submitted regularly.

Ron attended webinar about Hurricane Preparation Awareness.

Ron is working on advertising and cataloguing of memorial pavers.

#### COLLECTIONS

Pam and Maureen gathered artifacts and wrote artifact information cards for display cases in permanent exhibit.

Display cases for exhibit were also completed.

Docent training for "Voices of the Past" will be held on Fri., May 14th.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No topics were discussed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

John made a motion we meet in person for June board meeting on June 8th at 5:30 PM. Mel seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Maureen Winkelman

Present at meeting:

Pam Stranahan

John Bemrose

Sandy Garrison

Dave Kronsky

Ron Melvin

Maureen Winkelman

Leah Oliva

Mel Konarik