

Friends of the History Center (FHC)
October 1, 2019 Meeting of the Board of Directors

Attending: Rob Lawrence, John Bemrose, Kathryn Morrow, Maureen Winkelman, Nancy Barrera, Leah Oliva, Pam Stranahan.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared by president Rob Lawrence. He asked board members if each would continue to serve and mentioned the need to add other board members. The minutes for the 9/3/19 meeting was approved as written. Pam Stranahan volunteered to be secretary for duration of 2019. The September 2019 P & L was approved.

Committees:

Executive report by Rob Lawrence included a request to order 25 more Foodways books. This was approved.

Finance/budget: A draft of the 2020 budget was discussed. Some changes in numbers will be made regarding grants and a storage unit. The budget will be presented for approval in November. Becky Sanders is evaluating a new QuickBooks program for non-profits.

Historic preservation: Progress on preserving the SAAP depot has stalled as the owner (Dave Beckham) has turned down several offers by RCAD.

Development including membership. Nancy Barrera reported that she has submitted several proposals (Rachal, Kenedy) for funding for the exhibit Real People. Pam Stranahan has submitted a proposal to Humanities Texas. The Aransas County Historical Commission will donate \$3,500 to the Real People exhibit.

Membership renewal letters (65) to be mailed were passed around for signatures. Rob Lawrence and John Bemrose will visit banks and insurance companies to encourage business memberships. Volunteers are needed to approach other businesses.

The FHC will join Ancestry.com as an institutional member and offer that benefit to members at the \$150 level and above. Kathryn Morrow will give scheduled workshops on how to use Ancestry by reservation to be arranged.

Facilities. The gardener works weekly at \$15 an hour to keep weeds at bay. The house will be painted by Aransas Pathways contractor and windowsills repaired.

Collections. Maureen Winkelman reported that she has entered all items from the approved accession list into Past Perfect data base. She has one more list to complete.

Education. Leah Oliva mentioned a program for Sunday at 2:00 PM – Jim Booth. There was also a meeting with some families regarding the Hispanic Heritage exhibit scheduled for January. Nancy Barrera will be involved.

Long-Term Exhibit Pam Stranahan presented a report from the Long-Term Exhibit Committee for “Real People” A committee meeting was held Sept. 24 to review plans and determine roles of members.

The next exhibit will be Vintage Holidays. Take down for Key Allegro exhibit will begin Sun. Nov. 17 afternoon and new exhibit will go up during the week Nov. 18-22. Maureen Winkelman will coordinate. Docent training will be Friday Nov. 22.

Publicity. Becky Sanders submits ads for programs to the *Pilot* and updates facebook along with Vickie Merchant. Leah will contact Vickie to write another History Mystery. Discussion followed about signs on Live Oak to advertise exhibits and parking.

Next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 5, 5:30 (new time) by general agreement.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary, Pam Stranahan 10.26.19