

## Friends of the History Center

Minutes for the Board of Directors, Jan 7, 2020

Attending: Kathryn Morrow, Leah Oliva, John Bemrose, Maureen Winkelman, Pam Stranahan

The meeting was called to order by Leah Oliva at 5:30 and a quorum declared. MOTION to approve minutes as read, John Bemrose, SECOND, Maureen Winkelman. Minutes and P&L for December 2019 were approved.

Citizens to Be Heard – None appeared.

### Old Business:

Discussion and vote on Officers were tabled. MOTION to approve table, John Bemrose, SECOND, Kathryn Morrow

Report on funding of long- term exhibit, Real People, by Pam Stranahan, John Bemrose reporting on new monies in.

New Business: Robert Lawrence and Nancy Barrera have resigned from the ACHS. Robert Lawrence is effective immediately, Nancy after the Hispanic Exhibit. Remaining members will take over their responsibilities until new members can be found.

### Committee Reports;

*Executive Committee* - Pam Stranahan, John Bemrose, Leah Oliva. The Foodways book sales have exceeded expectations. The Board requested a new budget from the Art Colony book project, Boats, Bays & Birds, for future plans. The outside exhibit appears to have gone over budget but has received a recent new grant from CHC for \$500. The office has decided not to change to the non-profit version of QuickBooks. Other matters discussed were the loan agreement for the Canary Islander items to display, the total attendance in 2019, and our participation in the Chamber of Commerce Winter Texan Day, with Pam Stranahan and Kathryn Morrow volunteering to sit at our display table.

*Education Committee* – Maureen Winkelman elaborated on the success of the Holiday Exhibit, as well as the difficulty of arranging, setting up and dismantling such a large display with only one or two people. The Board discussed having a Christmas display every other year instead, and trying to keep our exhibits within our capacity to produce them. The order of Exhibits for 2020 is Hispanic, Transportation, and Heroines.

*Finance Committee* - John Bemrose and Pam Stranahan outlined the Historical Commissions Sesquicentennial Committee request to employ Becky Sanders for a few hours per month to handle the accounting for the project and have the receipts and disbursements handled through our 501c3. This issue was tabled.

*Development Committee* – Nancy Barrera being absent, Pam Stranahan filled the Board in on grants applied for and received. Membership drive for business members continues. A donor event for the spring was postponed.. Other items Nancy was responsible for were tabled until we could check further with her.

*Facilities Committee* – The FHC hired Pat S to keep the grounds in good shape, but we have the offer of 10 students for a few hours to work in the gardens and pathway on Feb. 14, which we will accept. Ar. Pathways manager, John Strothman, had the window frames repaired and is seeking painters for the house. The need for some type of roof on the shellcrete exhibit in the yard was discussed.

*Collections Committee* – Maureen Winkelman reported on items to be removed from curation to storage to make more room. She also requested a new set of shelves.

Meeting Adjourned

The next board meeting Feb. 11, 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

Committee members remained for Strategic Planning Meeting immediately after a break.

Secretary, Kathryn Morrow