**Friends of the History Center**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 14, 2023**

**5:30 PM (via Zoom)**

Meeting was called to order by Ron Melvin.

No citizens were present.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURERS’S REPORT**

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ron:

* Father Tung has resigned. Resignation accepted as written and will be removed from the board.
* Need suggestions for new board members.

Pam:

* Tropical Trails will be March 21st at HC; several venues will be visited. Pam will do Voices of the Past presentation.
* Last Sunday’s program – about 15 people attended. Went well.

**DEVELOPMENT**

Melinda:

* Per representative for Raymond James: $60,000 is not worth it to invest in treasury bills (due to fees and commissions). Better off going with a CD through local Prosperity Bank. Ron made a motion to rescind Raymond James resolution, and HC will purchase a CD through Prosperity for $60,000 over 7 months. Pam seconded. Melinda will handle the account as specified in last month’s minutes.
* Memberships: no new business memberships, but leadership class of Aransas County (LAC) is coming to HC in April and Melinda will discuss memberships with them.
* Made $13,000 at Poker Run (covers Phase 1 of purchases for HC).
* This coming weekend: crawfish boil; proceeds will go towards Phase 2.
* [Pam] Coastal Bend Community Foundation: she will ask for donations for future exhibits.

**EDUCATION**

Pam:

* History Cruise has sold out (with waiting list).
* Exhibits:
  + April 15th student art exhibit; submissions due April 1st
  + Upcoming fossil exhibit will run concurrent with student art exhibit; fossils plus a poster have been procured; Pam did research and wrote additional 6 posters.
  + Ranching and Farming: speakers have been lined up of several locals involved in local ranching.
  + Chamber of Commerce reached out to HC about Hurricane Harvey exhibit “Rock Solid” to see if we want it (as a donation). Agreed that we should take it. Pam made motion to accept and Melinda seconded. Motion passed.

**FACILITIES**

Pam:

* County Maintenance Dept. will take over maintenance that Pathways has been doing.

**PUBLICITY**

Ron:

* Attended THC presentation about social media best practices; it seems we are on the right track.
* Pam on front page of the Pilot for Preservation Awards; Dave also included for upcoming Voices from the Past presentation.
* [Pam] the Rotary has been provided auction items.
* [Pam] Preservation Awards: we need someone to serve on committee; meetings will be Mar 20th and April 10.

**COLLECTIONS**

Ron and Pam:

* Still looking for an intern from a local ISD.

**OLD BUSINESS**

[No old business to discuss]

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ron:

* One new docent, but more needed.
* Next meeting is April 11th at 5:30 PM (via Zoom).

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Dave Kroskie

Present at meeting:

Ron Melvin

Pam Stranahan

Melinda Gudim

Dave Kroskie