



Friends of the History Center for Aransas County

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Minutes for Tues., June 8, 2021

At the History Center and Zoom

Attending: Stranahan, Bemrose, Garrison, Oliva, Melvin, Konarik

Pam Stranahan, president, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. Minutes from May meeting by secretary, Maureen Winkelman, were approved as written. Treasurer's report by John Bemrose was approved.

The following committee reports were made:

Executive - Stranahan thanked the board for the painting of the History Center by Dick Haseley. It is hanging in a special place at her home. On May 18 for the Tropical Trail meeting, she did a video tour of "Voices from the Past." The prize for the event was a Guided Tour of the History Center. The winner was Guadalupe Nava from San Diego TX. In the name of Friends, Stranahan sent a letter of support for Little Bay restoration project.

Development – Bemrose reported that we continue to get membership checks from the last mail-out. Grant proposals for Vietnamese exhibit/book were sent to three foundations. In another effort to attract new members we donated a FHC Basket for CoC banquet auction – books plus membership and wine reception for ten.

Education - "Voices from the Past," opening week, approx. 100 viewed the exhibit. Accompanying Sun. programs May 30 and June 27. Sesquicentennial events will be held June 12-20. See aransascounty150.org. FHC will sponsor a "float" in June 19 parade. Leah arranged a golf cart and John B. will drive his. Maureen will find outfits if needed. Vietnamese exhibit & book plans will be made by the Education Committee meeting Thurs. June 24, 10:30; poster texts due by Sept. 1, book to printer by Oct. 1 (pending grant support).

Facilities – Thanks to Mel Konarik who continues to fill hummer feeders. Cindy Fox, paid gardener, is keeping gardens in great shape.

Publicity/marketing - R. Melvin reported on the efforts of Becky Story to keep FHC in front of the public with a monthly Eblast to list, website and social media. He is working on a campaign for memorial pavers.

Collections - M. Winkelman asked for assistance in curation. She also requested information on possible interns (HS, or college student).

Under Old Business, Stranahan announced gift shop reorders – 30 Yrs. by Probst; Uncertain Destiny by Randy Krinsky.

Under New Business, a book sale was suggested for September 11 but no one volunteered to chair the effort.

The meeting adjourned around 6:15 PM.