

**ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2017**

**Commissioners present:** Sandra Gregory Bridges, Jerry Brundrett, Geoff Bywater, Veronika Camehl, Betty Collier, Mike Geer, June Gregory, Kathie Gribble, Linda Garcia Haynes, Collin Jackson, Gail Johnston, Letha Kietter, Cassandra Perkins, Betty Stiles, Pam Stranahan, and Carol Thompson.

**Commissioners absent:** None

1. Chair Carol Thompson called the meeting at the History Center to order at 5:15 pm and declared a quorum was present.
2. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** There were none.
3. **Minutes—Linda Garcia Haynes**  
*After a motion by Veronika Camehl and a second by Betty Collier, minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2016, were unanimously approved.*
4. **Treasurer's Report—Letha Kieffer**  
Letha reported a current balance of \$6,674.00 at the end of year with \$3,707.00 prepaid for markers, historic survey, and calendars, leaving \$2,967.00 unused from original \$8,000.00 budget.  
*Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved after a motion by Veronika Camehl and a second by Collin Jackson.*
5. **Report of Nominations Committee (June Gregory/Cassandra Perkins/Betty Stiles/Carol Thompson):**  
Kam Wagert had agreed to become a commissioner, but has since backed out. Fylenell Harrell also declined the appointment. Steve Carlton is considering it, and Janet Taylor, Bubba Casterline, and Barbara Gurtner will be contacted to see whether they would be interested in coming on the Board.
6. **Nominate and Choose 2017 Commission Officers:**  
*After a motion by Betty Collier and a second by Gail Johnston, the appointments for 2017, including new member Mike Geer, were confirmed and the following officers were appointed: Carol Thompson (Chair), Pam Stranahan (Vice Chair), Linda Garcia Haynes (Secretary), and Cassandra Perkins (Treasurer).*
7. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **Executive—Carol Thompson**  
No report at this time.
  - B. **Preservation and Public Policy—Pam Stranahan/Cassandra Perkins**  
Pam Stranahan reported that Hannah Hawes was busy on data entry and already had one notebook completed.
  - C. **Historical Markers & Endangered Properties—Collin Jackson/Cassandra Perkins/Betty Stiles/Pam Stranahan/Carol Thompson**  
Betty Stiles discussed the upcoming dedication for the Air Force Station marker set for February 7, 2017, at 10:00 am at the Airport. She prepared a color trifold brochure on the Air Force Station to have printed for keeping at the Airport.  
*After a motion by Veronika Camehl and a second by Linda Garcia Haynes, it was approved to accept the brochure and have it printed for distribution at a cost not to exceed \$200.*
  - D. **Finance and Budget—Letha Kieffer/Betty Stiles/Carol Thompson**  
No report at this time.
  - E. **Public Relations/Outreach—Jerry Brundrett/Veronika Camehl/Cassandra Perkins/Carol Thompson**  
Cassandra Perkins reported that she was keeping social media updated.

**F. Collections**

No report at this time, but there was discussion on what to do with the item in the vault. Everything needs to be inventoried first. It's possible then that the History Center collections would accept some items. In any case, more room (larger room) is needed for storage of collections such as oral histories, etc. Carol Thompson agreed to write a letter to Judge Mills requesting consideration of relocating the items in the vault to the climate-controlled storage room space MHMR will be vacating at the Courthouse Annex for use by the Historical Commission for collections storage.

**G. Cemeteries—June Gregory/Sandra Gregory Bridges/Jerry Brundrett/Veronika Camehl/Betty Stiles**

No report at this time. However, Carol Thompson reported that one of the projects the new Leadership Class will be taking on is a new fence at the Rockport Cemetery.

8. **Old Business:**

Pam Stranahan reminded everyone of the swearing in ceremony on January 6, 2017, at the Fulton Mansion Education Center at 4:00 pm for Monica Burdette who was recently appointed by Governor Abbott to the Texas Historical Commission. Hopefully, we can all attend, being sure to wear our badges.

9. **New Business:**

There was none.

10. **Next Meeting Date and Time:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 5:15 at the History Center.

11. **Adjournment:**

*There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Linda Garcia Haynes and seconded by Cassandra Perkins at 5:45 pm. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda Garcia Haynes*, Secretary