

Aransas County Historical Commission - Minutes

February 4, 2009 4:05 PM at the Rockport School in the ACHS History Lab; Linda Valdez, Chairman, presided.

Commissioners present: Carol Keller, Jay Pace, Jackie Shaw, Janie White, Linda Valdez, Jay Tarkington, Bubba Casterline, Richard Dias, Phil Albin, Linda Garcia, Pam Wheat-Stranahan, Jim Smarr, Asa Yeamans, and Roberta Sherer.

Quorum was declared.

The January 7, 2009 Minutes, distributed via e-mail, were approved.

New Commissioners approved:

Sally Reynolds, Maritime Museum Representative, has 2 year term. She was in Austin.

Mary Lou Hood, Center for the Arts Representative, has 1 year term. She was in Houston.

Richard Dias, Representative for the Chamber, has 2 year term. He was introduced.

Phil Albin, re-approved to the Commission, has 1 year term.

Meetings will be quarterly because of the Visionaries in Preservation Program (VIP). The dates/times are:

May 5th, Tuesday, 4 PM @ the Lab

September 2nd, Wednesday, 4 PM @ the Lab

December 2nd, Wednesday, 4 PM @ the Lab

Janie White reviewed the *ACHS Collections Policy and Procedures* document which was provided to the Commission members. The vault contains the historical artifacts of Aransas County. The Historical Society preserves, cares and stores the objects/documents according to its composition. Aransas County owns the artifacts via the Historical Commission. For the past 6 months, the ACHS has been organizing and classifying the collection.

Jennifer Rogers, Education Director at the Maritime Museum & ACHS Board Member, has worked extensively with society members educating them on the proper handling & organizing the artifacts. She has been instrumental in setting up the policy and procedures document. *The Commission appreciates her dedication preserving Aransas County History for future generations.*

A committee, consisting of Jackie Shaw, Jim Smarr, Jay Pace, and Linda Valdez, was formed to clarify questions that arose during the discussion of the *ACHS Collections Policy and Procedures*.

Issues in question:

1. ACHC was not defined in the document.
2. How many keys are circulating and who has them?
3. A need to re-key the lock.
4. Who is eligible to enter the vault?
5. Consolidate the ACHS and ACHC Collections Committee into one (1) group with ACHC on the committee.

VIP Program Update - Pam Wheat-Stranahan

The first meeting will be on Feb. 11th 5:30 PM at Saltwater Pavilion. She asked that the Commissioners be there at 4:30 PM to act as hosts. We were given postcards to distribute in our neighborhoods about the event. The caterer will provide snacks. Jay Tarkington will bring water and sodas. We appreciate his donation.

The Chamber lunch on Feb. 10th will have a historical preservation theme. Included on the agenda, the VIP Program will be discussed. If you can attend, please, do.

Treasurer's Report - Asa Yeamans

Jan. 2009 Balance----- \$4,680.00

Tracy Wright manages the ACHC account. She will provide Asa a print out monthly.

When purchasing items, you should use the county's account. They have an extensive list of vendors (Shannon in Linda Garcia's office has the list). If the amount is **over \$250.00**, use your credit card. Asa will give you a Claim Form to be reimbursed in 2 weeks.

Check with Asa before purchasing to be sure of the procedure.

ACHS has Commission funds in their treasury and they are to be dispensed. Then all transactions will be performed through the county.

Roberta Sherer will order name tags for the new Commissioners.

Old Business

The Women's Club marker has been approved.

Linda Valdez's sent a letter to The Trust of the Fulton-Buhl House requesting that the ACHC be informed of any actions on the property. The Trust acknowledged the correspondence and put it on file.

New Business

Mr. Tom Swenson built a model of the Fulton Mansion when he was in rehab from brain surgery. The Mansion can not accommodate it. Discussion where to place the craft: Aquarium, Kingsville, Rockport Library, San Antonio, or the City of Fulton meeting school house which Tom did not want to do. No decision was made and the issue will be considered at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Sherer
Secretary

Next meeting – May 5th, Tuesday, 4 PM @ Lab

