

**ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2018**

**Commissioners present:** Sandra Gregory Bridges, Jerry Brundrett, Betty Collier, Linda Garcia Haynes, Pat Rousseau, Sherri Collins, Pam Stranahan, Carol Thompson, and Betty Stiles (Commissioners' Court Liaison)

**Commissioners absent:** Veronika Camehl, Sandy Garrison, June Gregory, Mike Geer (death in family), Barbara Gurtner (another meeting), Gail Johnston, and Janet Taylor

**Guests Present:** None.

1. Chair Pam Stranahan called the meeting at the Fulton Schoolhouse Museum to order at 5:15 pm and declared a quorum was present.
2. New Members were introduced.
3. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** There were none.
4. **Minutes—Linda Garcia Haynes**  
*Minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2018, were distributed and approved as read.*
5. **Treasurer's Report—Carol Thompson**  
ACHC budget for 2018 is \$10,000. The ACHC account has \$9,127.00 remaining at the end of February, with the cost of new member name badges and Post Office Box rental just submitted for payment. Budget for 2019 will be developed in May.  
*Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved after a motion by Betty Collier and a second by Jerry Brundrett.*
6. **Committee Reports/Action Items:**
  - A) **Executive—Pam Stranahan/Mike Geer/Linda Garcia Haynes/Carol Thompson**  
Report to THC (summary copies); Report to be given to Commissioners' Court later this month with presentation of faux check representing volunteer hours.  
Posters for History Center—Executive Committee approved printing and framing posters.  
Open Meetings training (certificates to secretary)—Pam reminded everyone of this.
  - B. **Preservation and Public Policy—Pam Stranahan/Barbara Gurtner/Pat Rousseau**  
Pam Stranahan reported that the 2009 surveys were done except last batch of pictures.
  - C. **Historical Markers & Endangered Properties—Sandy Garrison/Janet Taylor/Mike Geer/Barbara Gurtner/Veronika**  
The Fulton and Lamar markers are on the way and the Wood marker has been approved. Discussed the possibility of a joint dedication April 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - D. **Public Relations/Outreach—Carol Thompson/Gail Johnston, Sherri Collins, Betty Collier/Veronika Camehl**  
(Presentation of calendars of historic photographs) to fourth graders has been scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Stroll through Rockport is March 24<sup>th</sup>. Sherri reported the final meeting on the event would be at the Chamber at 10am tomorrow.  
Betty Collier is setting up a Facebook account/page ([achc78382@yahoo.com](mailto:achc78382@yahoo.com)) to post the Stroll event—it will be linked with THC and Tropical Trail. She will need to get with Cassandra Perkins who had already started a facebook account.
  - E. **Collections—Pam Stranahan/Carol Thompson/Sandy Garrison/Linda Garcia Haynes/Gail Johnston**  
No Report at this time.
  - F. **Cemeteries—Sandra Gregory Bridges/June Gregory/Jerry Brundrett/Janet Taylor**  
Sandra discussed the workshop she attended. Cemetery preservation was the subject—moving, fixing, repairing, cleaning, etc. and included hands on experience. It was an excellent workshop. There was discussion of maybe holding a fall workshop here.

**G. Symposium on World War I** sponsored by the South Texas Historical Association is being held Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Fulton Mansion Education Center. Reservations: Carroll Brincefield ([brincefieldc@gmail.com](mailto:brincefieldc@gmail.com)) or call 361-798-4280

Sandra and Pat are working on this event. The STHA wants to make the Symposium an annual event in Rockport—the first weekend in April. Another topic could be Railroads.

**7. Old Business –**

A) Tropical Trail event will be Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in Corpus Christi, Heritage Park.—Pam distributed handout. Pat spoke about the last one she attended in Portland/North Shore.

**8. New Business –**

A) Discussion on possible Sesquicentennial celebration for Rockport in 2020. Linda will get with the City Secretary to get more information if available.

Time capsule from 1970 is buried in front of City Hall.

B) Sandra Bridges can do ACHC logo shirts for commissioners at a cost of \$10 plus shirt of choice. Contact Sandra or June for more information.

C) It was reported that the History Center has termites—no money is available in venue to pay, but the ACHC could possibly hold an event to raise funds to pay for treatment. Extent of damage and cost to fix is unknown at this time.

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

In order to accommodate other commissioners, it was agreed to hold future meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. Accordingly, the next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 5:15 at the Fulton Schoolhouse Museum.

**10. Adjournment:**

*There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm after a motion from Pat and a second from Linda.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda Garcia Haynes*, Secretary