

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)
March 19, 2013 – Minutes

March 19, 2013 Meeting convened at 4:35 pm and was held in the History Lab, Room 15, of the old Rockport School. **Chairman Carolyn Cauley presided.**

Commissioners Present: Carolyn Cauley, Diane Dupnik, Sandy Garrison, Greg Harlan, Collin Jackson, Letha Kieffer, Dora McKelvey, and Janet Taylor. **Commissioners Not Present:** Lonnie Mathews, Carol Pina, Sarah Solis, Betty Styles and Sue Travis.

A Quorum was declared.

Minutes of January 19, 2012 were approved after being amended.. Motion made by Diane Dupnik and seconded by Collin Jackson.

The Treasurer's Report – Letha Kieffer

Letha reported a balance of \$5,961.54 after payment for the scanner and encumbering \$300.00 for a marker fee. Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved after a motion from Sandy and a second by Greg.

Committee Reports

Executive—Carolyn Cauley

Carolyn reported on attending Preservation Day which is held in Austin every other year. Only about 50 people were present. One place in in our area, Port of El Copano, is on the 2004-2013 Texas Most Endangered List. Carolyn asked that we be aware of buildings in jeopardy in our county.

Preservation & Public Policy- Greg Harlan

Greg reported on Section 106 of the Preservation Act which deals with preserving buildings, artifacts and land.

Historical Markers- Sandy Garrison

Sandy handed out a new summary of the current markers. The McLester Cemetery and the Woods-Jackson markers should be here any day. The Marine Lab marker dedication will be in April on the date of the lab's 65th anniversary. Sandy will send the marker texts to everybody. Marion Packing Plant sign needs to be refurbished. The 4H group will be contacted to see if they will work on sprucing up markers again. The owner of the Simon Michael Gallery of Fine Arts owner is in critical health which puts the marker approved by THC in question. Sandy moved that the marker chair contact Billie Hunter and see if she wants to proceed with the marker as planned. After a second by Greg, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations- Collin Jackson

Collin has updated the ACHC website. The secretary will provide Collin with the minutes from 4 meetings which need to be placed on the website.

Collections- Carolyn Cauley

The cemetery records which were kept in the vault have been returned to the Aransas County Historical Society. The Foss collection, 3 boxes of historical photos, are currently in the vault after the city signed them over to the ACHC.

Friends of the History Center- Janet Taylor

Bids for renovation of the BPJ House are ready to be placed in the newspaper. Hopefully, renovations will start soon. A sheet was passed out detailing a new beginning for an old house. It showed previous investments in the project and amounts needed for the renovations. The Friends currently have \$30,000 of the \$65,000 it needs to raise already committed. A Yard Sale will be held April 6th at the History Center site. Donations of sale items are being accepted every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 at the History Center garage,.

Old Business- None

New Business-

May is National Preservation month. There should be 2 marker dedications during May. A committee will come up with other ideas to highlight preservation. There was a discussion of how the Historical Commission might use the BPH House. Possibilities discussed were holding commission and committee meetings in the house when renovations are complete. The Friends wanted to know how many hours a month the Commission would want to use the house. The Commission will suggest up to 10 hours a month depending on committee projects.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm after a motion by Diane which was seconded by Collin and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Haseman Taylor, Secretary