

ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2016

Commissioners present: Geoff Bywater, Linda Garcia, Kathie Gribble, Collin Jackson, Gail Johnston, Letha Kieffer, Betty Stiles, Pam Stranahan, and Carol Thompson.

Commissioners absent: Veronika Camehl.

1. Outgoing Chair Collin Jackson called the meeting at the History Center to order at 5:20 pm and declared a quorum was present.
2. **Minutes of October 22, 2015** were approved as presented after a motion by Betty and a second by Carol.
3. **Treasurer's Report – Letha Kieffer**
Treasurer's Report was tabled after a motion by Betty and a second by Gail.
4. After a motion by Betty and a second by Pam, the following 2016 commission officers were nominated and unanimously approved:

Chair	Gail Johnston
Vice-Chair	Collin Jackson
Secretary	Linda Garcia
Treasurer	Letha Kieffer
5. After a motion by Betty and a second by Carol, **Betty Collier** was nominated and accepted on the Historical Commission to fill one of the unexpired terms, and the following were put forth as possible nominees to fill unexpired commissioner terms upon their response to being asked: Jerry Brundrett, June Gregory, Sandra Gregory, Pat Rousseau, Doris Rudiker
6. After a motion by Gail and a second by Carol, the May 2016 Preservation in History Month proclamation submission to Commissioners' Court was tabled.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Executive—Collin Jackson/Carol Thompson**
A \$50 donation was received from Michael Meek in honor of Radre Irwin. Will put on February agenda as to how to handle depositing and responding to same.
Everyone was reminded to keep track of their volunteer hours.
 - B. **Preservation and Public Policy—**
No report given.
 - C. **Historical Markers—**
The marker fees for Casterline Fish Company and Rockport Airforce Station have been paid for and still awaiting word from THC.
Discussed ideas for 2017 markers—Fulton Fire Department, Seashell Shop (Linda to follow up on); possible subject marker for the Schoolhouse; possible landmark marker for the Winery on the Bay (formerly Kline's Café)—Betty Stiles will talk with the owner Tom Forney; Pinkie Shivers (former lady sheriff) house at 717 N. Magnolia; York compound (1946)—Pam will check on this one.
 - D. **Collections—**
Several sets of keys from the original old Aransas County Jail and later constructed one (both demolished) were donated by Judge Mills who had received them from Rick McLester. Also, a 1904 publication of the County Republican Party and Lamar City Cemetery Book were donated by Betty Stiles.
 - E. **Cemeteries—**
The Cemetery books are at the History Center. Although the cemeteries have been toured, there is no report.
8. **Old Business:**
On February 24th, Carol and Gail will distribute the calendars.

9. New Business:

There was discussion on interest in having an Airport Exhibit at the History Center. However, it would probably have to wait till 2017 as the 2016 exhibits are already set—(a) surveyor's maps; (b) humanities; (c) Rockport Art Colony; (d) Lovers of Nature. There was also discussion on possibly purchasing a sign to be used at the History Center to indicate the current exhibit.

10. The next meeting will be held at the History Center on February 17, 2016 at 5:15 pm.

11. Motion to adjourn from Betty Stiles and second by Letha Kieffer at 6:15 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Garcia, Secretary