

**ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2015**

Commissioners present: Collin Jackson, Kitty Angell, Geoff Bywater, Veronica Camehl, Linda Garcia, Kathie Gribble, Letha Kieffer, Gail Johnston, Sally Reynolds, Betty Stiles, Pam Stranahan, Carol Thompson and Kam Wagert.

Chair Collin Jackson called the meeting at the History Center to order at 5:15 pm and declared a quorum was present.

Minutes of April 30, 2015 were approved as presented after a motion by Betty and a second by Veronica.

Treasurer's Report – Letha Kieffer

Treasurer's Report was approved as presented after a motion by Kam and a second by Kitty.

Committee Reports

A. Executive—Collin Jackson

Proposed Budget for 2016 was presented. After some discussion, motion was made by Betty and seconded by Kitty to approve 2016 Budget of \$8,000.00. Motion carried.

Collin reminded everyone to keep track of their volunteer hours

B. Preservation and Public Policy—Pam Stranahan

Regarding Windstorm Exemptions, Pam discussed letters asking to file with new City Planner, Kimberly Clark, and updating files Kimberly already has from us.

Regarding upcoming History Center Events, a Zen Tangle (formal doodling) class will be held at the History Center on Saturday, July 25th, and on August 22nd will be a new Connie Hagar Exhibit. Sally discussed advertising venues for events. Sally also discussed cassettes on CD's in vault and copy of oral history given to each entity (ACHC, ACHS, FOHC, and TMM).

C. Historical Markers—Kitty Angell

The Smith-Brundrett House dedication was held Saturday, July 11, 2015 with a nice turnout on a beautiful day. Very good picture and report in the Pilot.

All three markers were accepted from last year: The Jackson Family Maritime Company dedication will be held October 9th; the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department will be held October 17th; At this time, not sure of date for Hynes-Balthrip House dedication.

2016 potential markers include: 1) Casterline Fish Company (Pam Stranahan); and 2) Rockport Air Force Station (Geoff Bywater)—a Resolution for this will go before Commissioners' Court (deadline is November 15th)

Linda Garcia hopes to include the Shell Shop in 2017 potential markers.

D. Collections—Letha Kieffer/Sally Reynolds

Sally discussed moving items currently held in the ACHC Vault to the FOHC Curatorial space. After much discussion, a motion was made by Linda and a second by Kam to table this item and hold a Special Meeting for creating a committee to categorize all items in the vault.

Regarding the Civil War Prescott Letters, a motion was made by Kam and seconded by Betty to loan these letters to the History Center for their upcoming Fall exhibit. Motion unanimously carried.

E. Cemeteries—Betty Stiles

Betty discussed possible civil war veterans in our local cemeteries. Frank Wendell is one at the Fulton Cemetery. Much more research is needed to locate civil war veterans at the Rockport Cemetery. Still need to get indexes. Veronika volunteered to check on any civil war veterans at the McLester Family Cemetery. A suggested source is "Find a Grave". Betty reminded everyone that the Cemetery Books are now at the History Center.

Old Business:

Gail needs logo to be sent to her.

Received signed Proclamations from Rockport Fulton for National Preservation & History Month in May, 2015.

New Business:

Betty made a suggestion for a sign at the History Center of Exhibits coming up.

Next meeting will be held at the History Center either September 30th or early October at 5:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn from Betty Stiles and seconded by Kitty Angell at 6:20 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, *Linda Garcia*, Secretary