

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)
January 29, 2013 – Minutes

January 29, 2013 Meeting convened at 4:45 pm and was held in the History Lab, Room 15, of the old Rockport School. **Chairman Carolyn Cauley presided.**

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

After a Quorum was declared, Carolyn Cauley welcomed the new members who were present.

Minutes of November 20, 2012 were approved after a motion made by Dora McKelvey and seconded by Janet Taylor.

Election of Officers for 2013- The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for consideration: Carolyn Cauley, Chairman; Greg Harlan, Vice Chairman; Letha Kieffer, Treasurer; Janet Taylor, Secretary. Lonnie Matthews made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Sandy Garrison and passed.

The Treasurer's Report – Dora McKelvey

Dora reviewed the 2012 budget and stated there was \$30.00 remaining from the 2012 funds. The computer equipment, with the exception of the printer/scanner, has arrived and is ready to use. All funds the Aransas County Historical Society was holding for the ACHC have been spent, therefore, the MOA between the two groups no longer exists by mutual agreement. An agreement with the Friends of the History Center will be made for them to collect and hold funds for the historical markers. Dora presented the 2013 proposed budget. Betty asked when the budget had to be turned in and was told the deadline was June. Categories in the \$8,000 budget were Historical Markers, Education Outreach, Visionaries in Preservation, Training and Office. A monthly copy of the current budget will go in a report to the THC. Dora said the budget can be adjusted during the year as needed. Copies of both the 2012 and the 2013 budgets were provided to each member. Lonnie Matthew made a motion to approve the 2013 budget. It was seconded by Betty Styles. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Executive—Carolyn Cauley

Carolyn presented the new members with folders containing lots of information regarding the role of the Historical Commission. Included in the packet was also information on the various committees and volunteer hours. Volunteer hours include almost anything that has to do with history. Members were asked to keep and turn in their hours twice a year to the secretary. The ACHC has received the Distinguished Merit Award from the THC for the last 2 years. A sheet was passed around to sign up for committees. Members were asked to go to the Secretary of State website and take the on-line training in the Open Meetings Act then print out the Certificate of Course Completion and turn it in to the secretary. Tropical Trails, of which we are a member, was discussed. Its January meeting was held in Rockport-Fulton. Minutes from ACHC meetings will be scanned into the computer.

Preservation & Public Policy- Carolyn Cauley stated endangered properties was a big part of the Preservation and Public Policy Committee. She has registered to attend the Preservation Day which is being held in Austin at the State Capital on February 21, 2013.

Historical Markers- Sandy Garrison, Marker Chair, gave a detailed outline of the historical marker process. The first step is identifying a structure or subject that meets the marker requirements. Then permission from the structure owner must be secured. Members of the committee write the application narrative including photos and a floor plan. The ACHC pays the \$100.00 application fee. Application are approved or rejected in January. The ACHC pays \$250.00 of the marker price and the remaining amount is paid by the property owner or other interested people. Marker costs are increasing this year. The price of a small marker is \$1,100.00 and a large marker is \$1,500.00. Once the money is received the Texas Historical Commission writes the narrative for the marker and sends it to the ACHC for approval. Once approved, the narrative is sent to the foundry in San Antonio. It usually takes 2 to 3 months to receive the marker. The last step is a marker dedication hosted by the ACHC.

History Center- A brief update was given . Another yard sale is planned. A request was made for contributions of trash and/or treasure to be donated for this event. The Leadership Class is going to provide a gazebo and landscaping for the History Center.

Other- Jerry Hanson dropped by the meeting to give the commission a copy of a book about the dedication

of the historical marker for the Baldwin-Brundrett house which she owns.

Sandy Garrison made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dora McKelvey. After a unanimous vote the meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Janet Haseman Taylor, Secretary