

**ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2016**

Commissioners present: Geoff Bywater, Veronika Camehl, Betty Collier, Linda Garcia, Kathie Gribble, Gail Johnston, Collin Jackson, Letha Kieffer, Cassandra Perkins, Pam Stranahan, and Carol Thompson.

Commissioners absent: Betty Stiles

1. Chair Carol Thompson called the meeting at the History Center to order at 5:20 pm and declared a quorum was present.
2. **Treasurer's Report**
Letha reported that \$250 had been paid toward the dues for Tropical Trails and applied to remaining 2015 funds. At this time, \$8,000 remains budgeted for 2016. After a motion by Linda and a second by Veronika, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.
3. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Executive—Carol Thompson**
There was discussion on new members. Cassandra Perkins and Jerry Brundrett both filled out rack cards and they will be introduced at next Commissioners' Court as new commissioners. Linda will order name tags. Need to have June Gregory and Sandra Gregory Bridges fill out rack cards so they can be officially recognized.
 - B. **Preservation and Public Policy—Pam Stranahan**
Pam again presented several handouts—one was entitled "Aransas County Heritage Tourism" showcasing the history and different historic organizations in Aransas County and a summary of historic preservation in the County. Another was a printout from the Texas Historical Commission outlining exactly what are county historical commissioners and what they do. These would work well as orientation for new commissioners. Pam also discussed an overview of ACHC and the various groups/committees that make up the work plan for the Commission. The 2016 Work Plan and choosing of groups/committees will be brought up at the next meeting.
4. **Old Business:**
Gail discussed the calendars for the 4th grade school kids.
5. **New Business:**
Pam and Betty Stiles discussed funding and placing a sign/message board out front of the History Center to advertise ongoing and upcoming exhibits and events. The cost is about \$250 and would probably need to order extra set of letters at additional expense. After some further discussion, motion was made by Veronika and seconded by Pam to buy the message board in an amount not to exceed \$325. Motion passed by nine votes with Geoff and Letha opposing.
6. The next regular meeting will be held on **April 6, 2016** at 5:15 pm.
7. Motion to adjourn from Collin and second by Letha at 5:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Garcia, Secretary