

THE FALLS ON THE COLORADO MUSEUM

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting
8 August 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Darlene Oostermeyer, Danielle Meredith, Fran McSpadden, Dr. Jane Knapik, Sharon Spencer, Vashti Tucker, Robyn Richter, Beverly Clement, Marley Porter, Ron Nicholas

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Rev. George Perry, Caryl Calsyn, Krissy Sralla, Marianne McEwin, Dr. Tom Hester

1. Call to Order

Chairman Darlene Oostermeyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were disseminated via e mail. They were approved with no changes.

3. Financial Report for last month

Treasurer Marianne McEwin was not present, thus no financial data was presented. It will be sent via e mail later in the month after the bank statement has been received.

4. Consent/Voting Agenda

- A. It was agreed after discussion that the current security system requires updating. The installation cost is \$260, and the monthly charge will increase from \$25 to \$39 resulting in an additional unbudgeted cost of \$316 for the balance of 2019. After discussion the Board voted unanimously to make the change in order to better protect the Museum and to eliminate the problems constantly occurring with the Northland line.
- B. Due to the resignation of Krissy Sralla from the position of Secretary, nominations were requested to fill the vacancy. Robyn Richter, the sole nominee, accepted nomination from the floor and was elected unanimously to serve the remaining term (through the end of 2020).
- C. Permission from the two families involved has been secured that will allow the book "Life in the Valley between the Pedernales and the Colorado" to be reprinted. It was agreed that 20 copies of the hard cover and 20 of the soft cover (at a cost of \$16 and \$9 respectively) should be ordered as soon as possible to have the books available for museum visitors and for the annual high school reunion. Sales pricing would be \$35 for the hard cover and \$20 for the soft cover.

5. Non-Voting Items

- A. Help was requested in locating three items that supposedly are in Museum inventory but cannot be located – a set of wheat design dishes, a homemade

wooden hat rack and 8 copies of a booklet. No one had knowledge of the location of any of the items mentioned.

- B. Marilyn was complimented and thanked for the great job she has been doing identifying, locating, cataloguing and filing the Museum inventory.
- C. Darlene signaled that the Museum inventory is comprised of a lot of duplication – particularly with linens. Possible solutions discussed included returning items to donors or requesting permission from major donors to either sell or donate excess inventories. It was agreed that said permission would be requested and subsequent actions taken based on the responses.
- D. Darlene indicated the “Archiving Project” was behind time projections and would not be completed in the time frame specified by the HOT Funds grant. The Board authorized her to request a time extension from the HOT Funds committee to preclude loss of part of the grant money.

6. Announcements

- A. Shift sign up for September was requested. The remaining two open slots for August were filled during the meeting.
- B. July time sheets were requested.
- C. The Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce Mixer will be at Grand Bank 15 August, and Darlene will represent the Museum there.
- D. The Face Book update was provided by Fran indicating visits had continued more or less at the same level of recent months.
- E. Robyn was asked to work with Fran on the web page, as this was being handled in the past by the Secretary.
- F. Dr. Jane indicated that the Burnet County Historical Commission made an interesting visit to the Gatesville Museum and was impressed with their organization – particularly in the way the second floor was managed. Visiting there was recommended to Board members to learn possible ways to handle our future second floor exhibits.
- G. Darlene announced that the current air conditioning problem should be resolved within a month.
- H. Robyn suggested taking advantage of local high school reunions by requesting possible interviews with interesting area former and/or current residents. Promoting book sales to the group also would be appropriate.
- I. The Rockie audio-visual project has been delayed but should be completed very soon.
- J. It was announced that due to the non-availability of Johnson Park in November the Museum will host the VFW Veteran’s Day program.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m. The next meeting will be 12 September 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum.

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