

**FREEPORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM FOUNDATION  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018 10:00 AM  
FREEPORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
311 E. PARK AVENUE  
FREEPORT, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to order**

Mr. Hickey called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

**2. Roll call** - The following attendees were present at the meeting:

- Nat Hickey, President
- Brenda Laird, Vice President
- Carmen Read, Board member
- LeAnn Strahan, Secretary
- Marinell Music, guest
- Ray Cantu, guest
- Dan Kessner, member
- Sandra Barbree, Treasurer

**3. Approval of Minutes – Meeting June 27, 2018**

With a motion by Ms. Laird and a second by Mr. Kessner, the Board unanimously approved the June 27, 2018 minutes.

**4. Project Updates**

Ms. Strahan updated the Board on much needed repairs at Heritage House. Although the roof repairs have been completed, the prior damage exists such as rotted window sills and mold and water damage in walls.

Ms. Strahan discussed the video shoot with FLNG which included interviews with Mr. Hickey and her and would showcase the museum on the FLNG online magazine in the near future.

Mr. Hickey updated the Board on the status of the facial reconstruction project. Still waiting on concurrence from Mike Sorrell, Mr. Hickey has communicated with the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce who has offered their full support in marketing the event at their expense. He suggested we correspond with the Chamber, BISD, local businesses and industry leaders to schedule a discussion regarding the project details.

**5. Special Events Updates**

Ms. Strahan discussed the need for Board participation in upcoming events. She requested their presence at KidFest to ensure the volunteers and staff members were attended to in the cooling station that would be set up with refreshments in the temporary exhibit hall. She further updated on the August Market day scheduled for Sunday, August 12 noting time changes to 10am-3pm and coinciding with the Local Author Book Signing event that would take place at Heritage

House from 12pm-3pm. Mr. Kessner and Ms. Laird will each have a table for the book signing, and Ms. Strahan will provide posters and easels to represent their work.

Ms. Music announced and extended an invitation to the Board for the tasting event at Lucy Goose Market on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm. They will announce their grand opening once the kitchen updates are completed.

#### **6. Financial Update**

Mr. Cantu presented bids for renovations at Hickey House to accommodate Roc's American Kitchen. Ms. Laird pointed out that per the lease agreement between the Foundation and Ms. Music/Ms. Wallace, the building was to be leased "AS IS" barring any structural issues that might be discovered. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposals. With a motion by Ms. Barbree and a second by Ms. Read, the Board voted to unanimously approve funding the KF Drywall quote to renovate the Hickey House restrooms to discussed compliance.

#### **7. Heritage House Rental Fees**

Ms. Strahan was advised by City Council officials that rental rates were too high, and they requested we discuss lowering them to allow more income for the museum. She explained the current rates as per previous management are \$1800 for both floors or \$1000 for one floor, and set up/tear down fees are currently \$175 each. The Board reviewed and discussed the current fees and modifications. With a motion by Ms. Barbree and a second by Ms. Laird, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following rental rates:

- \$1250 for both floors
- \$700 for one floor only
- \$50/hour with a 4 hour minimum
- \$150 each for set up/tear down

#### **8. Board Member Reports**

**Carmen Read** – Ms. Read commented on how wonderful the museum has been for the children at Memorial Child Care over the summer.

**Brenda Laird** – Ms. Laird stated how proud she is of the work we have collectively done on KidFest planning and the museum itself. She suggested we start a book on the progress of all the models Mr. Kessner continues to work on for display.

**Dan Kessner** – Mr. Kessner updated that he is almost finished with the Georgian Café model for the museum to display.

#### **9. Items for Future Discussion**

- October Wedding Expo
- Fundraising for 2019 events

**10. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next meeting will be held on August 29, 2019 at 10:00am.

**11. Adjourn**

With a motion by Ms. Laird and a second by Ms. Barbree, the Board unanimously approved meeting adjournment at 12:15pm.

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LeAnn Strahan, Museum Supervisor  
Freeport Historical Museum Foundation