

**FREEPORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM FOUNDATION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 10:20am.

2. Roll call

Board members present for the meeting were as follows:

- Nat Hickey, President
- Brenda Laird, Vice President
- Sandra Barbree, Treasurer
- LeAnn Strahan, Secretary

Board members not present were Carmen Read and Brenda George.

3. Approval of Minutes – Meeting September 5, 2018

With corrections made at the request of Ms. Laird, Ms. Laird moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and Mrs. Barbree seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

4. Board Member Resignation

Mr. Hickey reported that Museum Board member Dan Kessner submitted his letter of resignation from the Board. With a motion by Mrs. Barbree and a second by Ms. Laird, the Board voted unanimously and with much regret to accept Mr. Kessner's resignation. Mr. Kessner will still remain involved in his contributions of his models and books.

5. Recommendations for Board Member Replacement

Members discussed possible citizens to recruit for the Museum Board. Ms. Laird suggested Carolyn Weatherly, who had portrayed Mother Goose at the museum earlier this spring. Ms. Strahan suggested approaching Becca Ryder and Mr. Hickey proposed Cliff Vandergriff or his wife Brooks to join the Board. We will look at applications at the October meeting and make a recommendation to City Council for approval.

6. Project Updates

a. Skull Reconstruction Exhibit

Ms. Strahan reported that the facial reconstruction exhibit has been coordinated for March 25 through April 6, 2019. She will reach out to the Brazosport Chamber, BISD Superintendent and Freeport LNG to attend the next Board meeting to bring everyone up to speed on the project details.

b. DOW Grant Status – Digital Media

Ms. Strahan updated the Board that she is working on a request to submit to DOW allowing us to forego original plans of the 20 digital displays and instead make upgrades to the Children's Exhibit. She will submit ideas to members for input before submission.

c. Artifact Inventory

Ms. Strahan reported that the museum staff is taking inventory and digitally archiving all artifacts, ultimately uploading all information into our existing software system after completion. Questionable items will be set aside for Mr. Hickey to review and advise on how to proceed or document.

7. Special Events Updates

a. October – Haunted House

Ms. Strahan updated the Board on plans for a haunted house in the temp hall and double feature movies in the Little Theater to be hosted the weekend prior to Halloween and Halloween evening. Brenda Laird suggested we notify the local schools and Sandra Barbree asked for flyers to help spread the word.

b. December - Nutcracker Market

The Board discussed the plans for the Nutcracker Market this holiday season. Ms. Strahan reported that the event was scheduled on December 9th in conjunction with our regularly scheduled Market Day, but modified the times to be from 12pm-8pm. Ms. Strahan made a presentation to the EDC Board requesting assistance in covering the cost of a snow hill, and she and staff are coordinating school performances to take place in the park. Mrs. Barbree has a gumdrop tree she can loan us, and Ms. Laird said that Lila Bilderbeck would be a good contact to locate a classical pianist. Mr. Hickey's family has experience in Nutcracker events and might be able to get them involved as well.

c. February – Wedding Expo

Ms. Strahan noted that Heritage House has been reserved to host a wedding expo to showcase local decorators, caterers and wedding planners on February 16, 2019.

8. Discuss Possible Sale of Hickey House

Ms. Strahan reported that she had been advised by City Council to see if the Hickey House leaseholders would be interested in purchasing the property, as maintenance time and expenses have been excessive and the business is thriving. Members discussed and agreed that an appraisal was needed to negotiate a fair market value for the property. With a motion by Mrs. Barbree and a second by Ms. Laird, the Board unanimously approved an appraisal not exceeding \$500. Mr. Hickey would schedule the appraisal and the Board will revisit this item at a future meeting.

9. Board Member Reports

There were no reports by members.

10. Items for Future Discussion

- Hickey House negotiations
- Approval of minutes – Special meeting June 22, 2018
- Facial reconstruction project
- New Board members

11. Schedule next Board meeting

Next Board meeting was scheduled for October 31, 2018 at 10:00am

12. Adjourn

With a motion by Ms. Laird and a second by Mrs. Barbree, Mr. Hickey called the meeting to a close at 11:40am.

LeAnn Strahan, Museum Supervisor
Freeport Historical Museum Foundation