

DRAFT SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Recorded by: Sherley Spears

The Fort Concho Museum Board met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 3:30 pm, in the Gallery Verde, 417 South Oakes.

President James Dusek called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

Present were: James Dusek; Kathy Keane; Sherley Spears; Roger Banks; Joyce Lowe; Brandon Allen; Monty Stanley; Jason Pierce; Yukio Kuniyuki; Lori Barton; Iskandar Atajanow and Dave Schaller

Motion made by Kathy Keane and a second by Brandon Allen to approve absences for: Darrin Fentress; Wayland Cooksey; Sarah Howe; approved by all present.

Recognition of visitors:

Del Velasquez-Downtown Inc., Theodore Boone- President of San Angelo Ministerial Alliance; J. J. Graham and Tom Nurre from the Wall That Heals.

- Wall that Heals- update provided by J. J. Graham (provided handout). Event to take place at Fort Concho on November 16-19 with event on November 18th beginning at 2 pm; and a reception to follow at LeGrand Alumni and Visitors Center at 4 pm; deadline to RSVP for Reception is Oct 20th. The website is up and functioning at: www.thewallsanangelo.com The Officer's Quarter 8 will house their team; Pinning Ceremony recognizing the 50th Commemoration will be included in the presentation; Recognition for unique categories of recognition. Email RSVP to: info@ec47.com
- Christmas Caroling Program- Del Velasquez and Theodore Boone- program to engage area youth about the trust factor in life; book by Theodore Boone entitled, The Trust Factor is about building relationships on earth and above; Sunday Dec 10th from 4 pm -7 pm; Requesting use of Stables at a reduced amount or free. (This request didn't make the publication of this meeting's agenda; however, those present indicating they would support a minimal fee to cover expenses; this item will be officially placed on the Agenda in November for Vote) The objective of the event is to build good healthy relationships and about family; Season of Love and celebration for the time of year. The event is open to the Public. The book referenced by Theodore Boone, will be available at the Ministerial Alliance Office and at Coffee 101. Mr. Bluthardt reported he had discussed with the staff and they believe it is a worthy event. It is not a part of the fort's Christmas event or Concho Christmas Lights

PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from September Meeting- Motion and second by Roger Banks and Kathy Keane to accept minutes-Motion carried
- Treasurer's Report- presented by Roger Banks (See Report) Mr. Bluthardt advised he is pleased with results, and reported there are two outstanding invoices for city catering fees from Mesquite Bean and Peepsies who provided catering services for an event; attempts to collect have failed; however, any attempts from these two vendors to provide services in the future will

require this past due balance to be paid before operating again. Motion and second by Kathy Keane and Monty Stanley to accept report- Motion carried

- Site Manager's Report
 - John Balderas took another job (Maintenance Supervisor) and notified him on the day he was to start; may have options to review original pool of candidates or may parcel out responsibilities until decision is made.
 - Publicity-The Garden on the property is located behind the Fort Hospital and may be re-organized to include items that are more sustainable. A parent from the nearby school is working on this project.
 - January 2018 City Council meetings have shifted; there is no meeting on Jan 16th and may then invite City Manager, Daniel Valenzuela; may wait to invite the Mayor once more information is available on the street closure issue.
 - Texas Forts Trail- all monies received from the Legislature which is very good; \$75,000 per year
- #4-Capital Projects- Bluthardt reported that \$200K has been secured for OQ 1 project; bids opened October 26
 - Barracks 3-4 Waiting for Architect to provide update- expected in November; funding from private donor
 - Barracks 1-2-Drafft of Visitors Center and Office space, and Gift Shop- is still under review; various Options are being discussed which may allow the staff to remain in the building while work is going on.
 - Barracks 3-4 will depend on schedule of architect; Area Foundation-Matt Lewis is managing the project. Since this is funded from private funds, we can choose the contractor to complete the work.
- #5- Nominations Committee Report- Bob Bluthardt reported we are at full capacity for Board Members; 2 Board Members have agreed to serve again- Roger and Sarah; by 2019 we may have 2-4 slots available
- #6-Review of Dates- November & December meeting-After discussion all agreed we will meet on November 21 at 3:30 pm; and will decide the December status at the November meeting because the date falls during the holiday period for most.
- #7- Request for use of Commissary- West Texas Historical Association- waiver or reduction of fees-Dr. Pierce discussed the need for the building and advised that Suzanne is working to confirm date; will likely be April 13th or 14th Motion to approve use by the Association at no more than a utility charge made by Roger Banks, seconded by James Dusek and approved by all present.
- #8- NO REPORT
- #9-Removal of East Avenue D- Lori discussed the current problem with monitoring and traffic as a neighborhood school; Safety issues alone would cause the school to highly recommend closure, along with the nuisance issue. Mr. Bluthardt added that the City Planning Director will work with Darren Fentress on a design; will talk with Chief Carter about the proposed plan and Chief Dunn of the Fire Department has indicated this will not hurt the Fire Department's ability to move out to respond to an emergency.
- #10- Christmas at Old Fort Concho-Bob Bluthardt reported that all 58 Merchant spots are full except for 2; the Booth fee is \$200; we are short on volunteers and he will email the Board with

those vacancies for members to sign up. The event will occur December 1-3, 2017; Colonel Yukio Kuniyuki reported that a Frontier Ball will be held on Saturday

- #11-Staff Reports-NONE
- #12- Membership Drive- All Board members have signed up except 3; we're up by 10% from 2016
- #13- Building Maintenance & Repairs- Focus is on items required for the Christmas event; will work with various staff and volunteers to get the work completed on time.
- #14- Fort Concho Foundation- will have a meeting in November
- #15- Future Agenda Item- December meeting will be discussed at the November Board Meeting

Mr. Bluthardt briefed the board on some issues that may arise in the following dinner/briefing with Howard Taylor and the SAMFA Board:

- Concern about the condition of the cultural district not making an overall great presentation to the community or visitors
 - Warehouse owned by Howard & Pfluger may be exchanged for space which would give fort back Bay 2 of Stables Block
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- Motion to adjourn by Roger Banks and Kathy Keane- meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.