

Fort Concho Museum Board Meeting- Minutes- April 24, 2018

The Fort Concho Museum Board held the April Board meeting at the Gallery Verde at 423 South Oakes on April 24, 2018, to participate in a joint reception with the Museum of Fine Arts. The meeting was called to order by President Keane at approximately 3:38 pm.

Confirmation of quorum was made by Bob Bluthardt, Site Manager, with 11 present.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Keane; Roger Banks; Sherley Spears; Brandon Allen; Dave Schaller; Sarah Howell; Jason Pierce; Monty Stanley; Iskandar Atajanow; Kelcey Herrera; (Joyce Lowe and Lori Barton did arrive later.)

The Site Manager requested Approved Absences for the following:

- Darrin Fentress
- Joyce Lowe
- Lori Barton
- LTC Yukio Kuniyuki

Motion made by Roger Banks and seconded by Sherley Spears

GUEST: No guests present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- March Minutes- were reviewed with the following corrections:
 - Guest: Cory Robinson
 - #8- Howard Taylor
 - #15-Trust Inspector-made some comments “that” might be OK
 - Motion made by Roger Banks and second by Sarah Howell with noted corrections; Motion carried
- Treasurer’s Report- A review of the report was made by all with additional information provided by Site Manager
 - Motion made to accept the report by Roger Banks; second by Dave Schaller. Motion carried.
- Site Manager’s Report- Bob Bluthardt
 - ASU Honors Program for Parker Adamson- Sherley Spears attended, but arrived late; however, she picked up the award for the Board and recognized Parker to apologize for not being there when his presentation was made. Parker made brief comments about enjoying working with the Board and thanked everyone.
 - Authentic Texas Magazine- is a very high-quality magazine; 50,000 printed and is considered the go to magazine for tourism in the state; Subscriptions are \$15
 - Woman of Distinction – was presented to Lori Barton; Ms. Barton gave brief comments about the pleasure of receiving award, and thanked the Board for use of the Fort by the school for various events
 - Grief notice- the passing of Will Harding who had been a part of the artillery team for many years

- OQ3- Termites were found; Terminix sprayed and should solve the problem; the spraying prevented spread to other structures. Bait stations will be set up to further manage the potential of future siting's.
- Architect has recommended another style of shingle for roof replacement that has a 30-year life, but, it is twice as much; may need to do spot repairs in some locations to manage cost. No update on comments from the Historical Commission.
- Vacancies on the Board- 2-4 slots will be available in January 2019; Iskandar Atajanow has been assigned to Germany and will be leaving in October- consideration for a replacement will be made. There are 2 seats automatic and maybe 2 additional seats that will be available.
- The fort is working with the VP Convention & Visitors Bureau, Diann Bayes, about entering the 10 Best Texas Towns. There is an 18-question application to complete.
- Motion made by Kelcey Herrera and a second by Sarah Howell to accept the Site Manager's Report

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- Bob Bluthardt- reported OQ1 repairs going well may have work finished for a future Board meeting soon.
- OQ3&4- No news; waiting on architect
- OQ 1&2- Architect reviewed plans with Texas Historical Commission and THC response was positive; now waiting on cost from Design Phase.
- Special Collection- there was a long discussion regarding how the person who had offered the military artifacts collection has updated his request, which may present some problems. Bob will be working with the Fort Concho Foundation and the owner.
- #7-Darrin Fentress has projected cost to be significantly less than originally thought. Shane Shelton from the city has advised that city crews can remove the street and curbing and bring in the fill dirt. For the rock work several companies in town can be considered; Bob Bluthardt has spoken with Fire Marshall about tearing up street and rebuilding the new road in phases, an approach that may reduce the cost. At the next Board meeting we will discuss the plan to present to Councilman Harry Thomas.
- #8-Annual Convention for West Texas Judges Association in 2020: a request for donated use of a fort facility for this annual meeting bid by the CVB. As the dates are not prime rental times, Bob suggested that the fort offer the building and services at least at half price or a token donation. Motion made by Jason Pierce and second by Kelcey Herrera. Motion carried.
- #9- Cavalry Competition & Frontier Days- Fort Concho Cavalry member Rick Dill won overall event competition.
 - Frontier Days-The Lions Club Pancake Breakfast was moved to Commissary because rain was expected. Event went well;
 - Mistletoe destroying tree near OQ1- was reported to several Board Members from Susan Perry- someone who loves the museum. Bob has talked to Maintenance about it, and he prefers to focus on the buildings, but will get a trim job completed.
 - Challenge Coins- was a great addition to the competition
 - Approximately 100 Room Nights were generated from the Frontier Days event;

- Cavalry Competition was great; Included competitors from California, Kansas and various locations
- #11- Included in Site Manager's Report
- #12- Membership Drive- Bob is cross checking names submitted; 95 Renewals so far; Received \$17,500 with a goal of \$50,000. Requesting that all Board Members participate at some level and all have with a few exceptions. Roger Banks commented on how well the Breakfast had been organized by Rocio for the Members Breakfast, but there was low attendance. Joyce Lowe and Roger Banks will sponsor next one; and consider having it earlier in the morning to get people before they get to work
- #13-Fort Concho Foundation-Roger Banks reported that the Foundation established a 2018 operating budget of \$24-\$26k
- #14-Future Agenda Items
 - San Angelo Gives will be on May 1, 2018; Theme for 2017 was "Save Our Stuff", and for 2018 it is "Show Our Stuff" and the goal is to raise funds to purchase new display cases.
 - Thanks to all who volunteered for Frontier Days
 - Garden has been updated with support from Tom Green County Hunger Initiative
 - Railroad Museum- not ready to engage with us yet

Motion to adjourn by Sarah Howell, second by Kelcey Herrera. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.
Members went to the nearby SAMFA gallery for a reception and joint briefing on the Cultural District.

Notes Taken and Transcribed by Sherley Spears

Secretary/Fort Concho Museum Board