

Fort Concho Museum Board Meeting- Minutes April 16, 2019

I. Open Session

- A. Call to Order-The Fort Concho Museum Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Board President Kathy Keane. Opening remarks included a thank you to Roger Banks for standing in for her in March.
- B. Determination of Quorum was established with 10 presents as listed: Wayne Cooksey; Monty Stanley; David Schaller; Curtis Milbourn; Roger Banks; Brandon Allen; Sarah Howell; Burley Smith; Sherley Spears and Kathy Keane.
- C. Approval of Excused Absences requested for the following: Lori Barton; Kelcey Herrera; Brian Ryan; Jason Pearce; Joyce Lowe; Motion made by Sarah Howell with a second by David Schaller; Motion passed.

The student liaisons from ASU, Margaret Dudley and Ethan Clark, were recognized, and it was noted that this would be their last meeting for the school year.

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from March meeting were reviewed; Motion to approve made by Brandon Allen with a second by Roger Banks. Motion passed

III. Regular Agenda

1. Presentation from Esperanza Clinic

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Treasurer's Report- made by Site Manager Bob Bluthardt (Treasurer Lowe was absent); p. 8- March Income- \$1,000 Christmas event sponsorship outstanding and Bob is working to get that in; Rent is on target; Miscellaneous Donation- about the same; membership will make up the difference. YTD-We're halfway through the fiscal year; rent is down - \$48K pending for rest of year and is being monitored very closely; P 10- Summary- items 11-15 are being shifted to help stabilize; maintenance expense. Motion made to accept the report by Curtis Milburn with second by Sarah Howell; Motion passed.
- b. Site Manager's Report-we received a donation for \$20K after a visitor saw the McChristian Collection; this amount will be reported during San Angelo Gives and the donor asked for anonymity; The McChristian Collection will be a show horse for years to come- the US Cavalry exhibits are coming up; Sarah Howell commented about how great Cory Robinson's (Fort Curator) presentation was and urged board members to attend next one scheduled in June. Overall, tourism is up in the city and at the Fort. We are hosting the Chamber Luncheon May 14, 2019 at the Stables and will have 1- table for board members to attend. We had good coverage at Frontier Day- thanks were extended to all who signed up.

III. Regular Agenda

- Capital Campaign Feasibility Study- Bob Bluthardt referred us to p 43-46; President Keane; Bob Bluthardt, and Carol Harris (Foundation President) will continue to move forward with identifying contractor by early May. Sherley Spears requested we include the expertise for marketing with the consultant; The consensus of the group was to continue to move forward.

- Site Staffing-Educator position is available, but we may wait before filling; Summer program- we will wait keep this position open, and we have received a good set of applications.
- Final Review of Bylaws- Start of year is February; Number of Board Members at 14 + Goodfellow liaison (who can't vote). Bob will send to city attorneys for approval. Motion made to accept the report by Sarah Howell and second by Roger Banks. Motion passed.
- Recent Property acquisition- no news other than lot is paid for and the deed is filed.
- Collections Acquisitions- No updates
- Nominations Report- We are under 6-year term limits; some of the current board approaching their 2nd term-term under old ordinance; More discussion will be done at the May meeting. The key thing about the new ordinance is terms not years on the board. President Keane asked that we begin considering new board members.
- McChristian Collection-Encouraged everyone to go see the collection; we have 1750 video views so far; trying to add to San Angelo Gives. Check our Facebook page- Like and Share.
- Removal of Ave. D-information has been sent to the city. A meeting has been requested of the City Manager with key stakeholders. Fort will be represented by Bob Bluthardt; President Keane and Roger Banks. Carl White has suggested a PowerPoint would be an effective tool to help express our position and President Keane agreed. Roger pointed out the concerns of citizens to be included in the presentation; Drainage issues can be shown as an issue but may not be major concern; Safety should be another concern especially for the students at the school; Concerns of fort guests has not been presented in the past; Traffic count; Community meeting if held again definitely needs to be facilitated by a city official and the proper process used; Roger suggested we include Q&A after presentation to determine what citizens may want; the City Manager was not at the last meeting held at the school so he didn't hear the comments. The next step should be a Planning Meeting- we have full support from Fire Chief Dunn; Roger advised action needs to be taken not only on the next city council agenda but should include what Mayor Gunter wants at the 4/23 meeting; Not sure when it will be discussed at the city council; Discussion points to emphasize our desire to make the site "whole" as it was originally planned and bring it back to the original appearance. Sherley Spears suggested we show before and after photos; additional thoughts should be sent to Bob. Parent meeting should be held to address safety concerns and Bob will ask Lori to arrange for that.
- Membership Drive & San Angelo Gives-San Angelo Gives will be held May 7th; we will include the McChristian Collection as a video; post to Facebook. Membership solicitation begins this month; our goal is to have 100% board as dues paying members; another letter will be going out soon for membership. Burley Smith suggested we ask for memberships to the fort during the state NAACP convention and its event at the Stables. Sherley Spears commented that she would ensure that effort was made.
- Maintenance Projects- Barracks 1 columns started;- Hospital & OQ6 getting contracts together. \$200K Insurance available for some roof repairs. A question from Curtis Milburn was raised about the fence at the end of the hospital; Bob advised that we're not rushing on that as we are not sure if it is helpful or not at this point. Community Garden- Tom Green County Hunger Initiative is managing and caring for the garden; hired a person from NE with grant money who completed a proposal for the new layout. The plan appeared too modern for the historic site. Question as to whether the land where the garden is located is the fort's land or the ISD. Bob

will check and let us know. Bob also stated that he believes the heritage of the fort should be a part of the garden. President Keane advised this should be further discussed.

- Fort Concho Foundation-Investment; Collections and Land- has been paid for. The RFP Feasibility Study is in progress; Mention of the fort in several photos in Lifestyles Magazine.
- Future Agenda Items- next meeting will be May 21, 2019
- Idea of hosting reception in OQ1 for San Angelo Gives donors

Motion to adjourn made by Sarah Howell with a second by Wayland Cooksey.

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