

Fort Concho Museum Board Meeting- Minutes June 18, 2019

I. Open Session

- A. Call to Order-The Fort Concho Museum Board held its regular monthly meeting JUNE 18, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 pm by Board President Kathy Keane.
- B. Determination of Quorum was established with 11 present as listed: Kathy Keane; Monty Stanley; David Schaller; Lori Barton; Dr. Jason Pearce; Joyce Lowe; Brandon Allen; Roger Banks; Burley Smith, Sarah Howell and Sherley Spears.
- C. Motion to excuse the following board members made by Sarah Howell and a second by Joyce Lowe- for Wayland Cooksey; Kelcey Herrera; Curtis Milbourn; LTC Brian Ryan. Motion passed.
- D. Carl White, Director of Parks & Rec, and Cory Robinson, Fort Concho Curator of History were recognized as guests.
- E. NONE
- F. PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE

II. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed; Motion to approve made by Roger Banks with a second from Joyce Lowe. Motion Passed.
2. Treasurer's Report- (see attachments) made by Treasurer Joyce Lowe who reviewed highlights from the report. All financials are in order. Motion to accept report made by Brandon Allen with a second by David Schaller. Motion passed.
3. Site Manager's Report- Reported by Site Manager, Bob Bluthardt (See attached Report)

IV. Regular Agenda

9. Cory Robinson, Fort Curator reporting about the McChristian Collection. There are approximately 1,000 pieces to date that are a part of the collection whose records indicated about 700; Volunteer Robert Broene with Past Perfect Software is assisting with digitizing each piece for future publications. There will be a rotation during the summer to display items through a themed concept. Several items including uniforms will be on display; first rotation expected around July 1st; July 11th we will have an evening program from 6-7 pm; San Angelo Gives resulted in over \$29K and it will all be used to get quality display cases for this collection. Review of Maintenance and Capital Projects- Al Torres provided separate handout on items under repair. He advised that Barracks 6 is the current priority now due to damage sustained from the recent storm; Hospital- re-built in late 1980's so it's also due for some maintenance. Details in Project Update handout.

Tucker Foundation- contributed \$11K toward the Collection Storage for the McChristian Collection. Word is getting out about the collection. Cory is developing program to incorporate items into our displays about the life of a soldier.

There was little damage to artifacts due to a rainwater leak in the Collections building- all is OK.

7. Donation-Standard Times has donated about 35 wooden block illustration plates that portray Native Americans, frontiersmen, and other images from a premier illustrator, H. D. Bugbee, that were used in the famed book by J. Evets Haley, Fort Concho and the Western Frontier. Bugbee's office is part of a special exhibit at the Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon, TX. The book was published by the San Angelo Standard-Times in 1952. The printing blocks nearly ended up in a dumpster! The fort should keep them. Motion made by Roger Banks with a second from Jason Pierce to accept the items. Motion passed.

4. Capital Campaign Feasibility Study- The RFP to firms will be sent out soon after one more review

5. Storm Damage- impacted the Enertel alarms; Adjuster 's report not yet been returned.

Barracks 6 damage can be repaired by the staff.

6. Site Roof Replacement Most site roofs were damaged by two storms in 2017 and two more storms in 2019. Staff are working with City Hall on a major repair project to fix most roofs with HOT funds and other funding. Legal staff researching the HOT funds eligibility. Post Hospital will not be covered as insurance settlement didn't allocate it any funds; Barracks 1-2 can be patched as necessary and await the Visitor Center project in future.

8. Nominations Report- the rule will be that board members can serve 3-2-year terms. Currently we have 1 Board Member that can serve 2 additional years; 2 are serving the 3rd term of their 2 years; and 3 that are no longer eligible. Bob will update the board in August.

10. The board reviewed a letter of support from the Fort Board supporting the abandonment of East Avenue D that currently runs through the historic site. Several edits were suggested. Motion to approve the letter and send it to the Planning Commission was made by Monty Stanley, seconded by Roger Banks and approved by all present. A traffic count received by staff did not indicate any major changes in the area traffic flow with the street closed. Next Steps: To designate speed zone for whole street to 20 mph effective once signs are placed.

11. Membership Drive- \$34K received which represents about two-thirds of the annual goal; For those that have not renewed- they will get a renewal letter; personal letter with Newsletter; August meeting will focus on non-renewal to board members for personal contact.

12. Report from Al Torres- estimating that the chapel will be finished by the end of June; Drawings for Hospital & Officers' Quarters 8 estimated at \$70K for hospital due by July 3rd; OQ 6 by June 25. For OQ 8 we will try to get contract quotes and utilize reserve funding.

13. The Foundation next meets in August

14. The board asked for more updates on the site maintenance progress

Announcements:

June 27th- Plains Art Show in Barracks 6 beginning at 7:30

Motion to adjourn by Sarah Howell; seconded by Roger Banks and approve by all present..

Reminder that there will NOT be a July Meeting.

Notes taken and transcribed by



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Secretary/Fort Concho Museum Board