

Minutes of the Fort Concho Museum Board

Meeting of May 17, 2022

The Fort Concho Museum Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at Officers' Quarters 8 at 215 East Avenue D in San Angelo, Texas. Board President Roger Banks called the meeting to order at 330 pm

In attendance: Roger Banks, Sherley Spears, Monty Stanley, Don Barnhart, George Bali, Brandon Allen, Lisa Marley, Dave Schaller, and Curtis Milbourn. Absent were Kathy Keane, LTC Joe Garwacki, Colleen Haddad, Yukio Kuniyuki, and Dr. Jason Pierce.

Also attending from staff: Bob Bluthardt; Courtney Mahaffey from the San Angelo Symphony, and Donnie Lunsford and Stacy McGuire from the Boy and Girl Scouts

Board Liaison Bob Bluthardt declared a quorum was present, noted the absences, and recommended that they be excused.

Roger Banks asked for a motion to excuse all absences; motion made by Monty Stanley, seconded by Sherley Spears and approved by all present.

Item 5 Polo on Fort Grounds

Ms. Mahaffey noted the past polo match fundraisers held at Fort Concho and was seeking the board's support to hold one in late April/2023. She summarized the general plans for the field and attendees. Bob Bluthardt explained that he had met with Ms. Mahaffey and they were working out the various logistics including a fee beyond covering fort costs. Motion made by Brandon Allen to authorize the event and authorize staff to work with the San Angelo Symphony and bring back to the board a final plan and recommendation for a fee; motion was seconded by Lisa Marley and approved by all present.

Item 6 Request by Boy Scouts for Use of Fort

Scout organization representatives Donnie Lunsford and Stacy McGuire reviewed their future event for Saturday August 27 to include a wide range of programs & events, free to all, and not necessarily just for scouts. Bob had suggested use of the Commissary and nearby grounds. Roger Banks suggested a token utility fee. Motion made by Monty Stanley to authorize the event and staff support with a token utility fee; motion seconded by Don Barnhart and approved by all present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Roger Banks returned to the minutes and asked if there were any corrections. There being none, he asked for a motion to accept them as written. Curtis Milbourn made that motion that was seconded by George Balli and approved by all present

Lisa Marley gave the Treasurer's Report, noting that income remained strong, expenses under budget, and the fort remained "in the black" at this stage of the fiscal year." Dave Schaller made the motion to accept the report that was seconded by Brandon Allen and approved by all present.

Site Manager Bob Bluthardt asked if there were any questions on the written report in the agenda packet. There being none, he noted most comments would be covered by the upcoming agenda items. Roger asked for a motion to approve his report; motion made by Lisa Marley and seconded by Monty Stanley and approved by all present.

Item 4 Buildings and Grounds

Bob noted the ongoing effects of the drought on buildings and grounds. He reported that the exterior repair contract work was expected to start after Council approved it at a future meeting.

Item 7 Capital Projects

The board deferred any outside tour of projects until the fall

Item 8 San Angelo Gives

Bob pointed out the summary in the agendas packet. This year's total donations of just under \$13,000 with the bonuses will allow Cory to buy many quality items for the Native American display set for later in year.

Item 9 Buffalo Soldier Memorial

Sherley announced that the memorial had been fully funded by an anonymous donor. She outlined current progress on design, future fundraising efforts, and celebratory/public events in late July to coincide with the fort's annual Buffalo Soldier Anniversary Day event of July 28. She also reported on her attending the annual Fort Chadbourne Dinner with a Hero.

Item 10 Nominations Report

Bob went through the roster, noting who was eligible for another term; who had to roll off; and current open slots. There were still one or two open positions pending plans of current board members to renew. Roger encouraged board members to think of possible new members and refer them to Bob or him.

Item 11 Shade Covering at Post Hospital Garden

Bob noted that the Downtown Historic and Review Commission approved the project with the stipulations of it being unobtrusive, neutral in color, and maintained. Bob said he attended the meeting and noted the board's support pending these guidelines.

Item 12 Collections

No report

Item 13 Barracks & Mess Hall 3-4 Project

Bob noted the ongoing visible progress on the walls of Barracks/Mess all 3 with the contractor noting completion of all buildings by fall

Item 14 Fort Concho Foundation

Roger noted the Foundation does not meet again until August. Bob noted operational expenses were under budget and the recent stock market decline would affect the Foundation's investments

Item 15 Membership Drive

Bob reported that memberships are received on a daily basis from the first general mailing with a gross total at about \$32,000. A second mailing would be done in late June, giving folks time to refresh their checkbooks after San Angelo Gives!

Item 16 Staff News

Bob summarized existing staff slots open and efforts to fill them.

Item 17 Future Agenda Items

Roger asked the board to suggest any new or brought back items. He summarized the current state of the Avenue D issue and noted he would be exploring the board's specific options with City Hall with a report by the June board meeting.

There being no other issues, Roger asked for a motion to adjourn; motion made by Monty Stanley; seconded by Sherley Spears and approved by all present at 4:45 pm

Minutes taken by Bob Bluthardt

Sherley Spears

Acting Secretary

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