

JACKSONVILLE VANISHING TEXANA MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
VANISHING TEXANA MUSEUM
302 S. BOLTON
3:00 PM

Meeting Items

CALL TO ORDER	The Vanishing Texana Museum Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Mrs. Janie Barber. Present: Chair-Janie Barber, Jerry McDonald, Kim Hansen, Barbara Huggins, Charlie Esco, Judy Batton.
INVOCATION	Invocation given by Mrs. Barbara Huggins.
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	No one came forward.
MINUTE APPROVAL	Mrs. Barbara Huggins made a motion to approve minutes as written. Second, by Mr. Jerry McDonald. All voted "Aye" 6:0.
FINANCIAL REPORT	Acting City Clerk, Adriann Stroud, reported \$5,153.30 in the donation fund and \$1,900.00 in the renovation fund.
OLD BUSINESS	None.
NEW BUSINESS	
APPROVE FUNDING FOR LOVE'S LOOKOUT PHOTO BOOK	Museum Curator, Mr. Larry Lydick, is asking the board for \$2,500.00 to purchase 200 copies, and for any unseen costs, of the Love's Lookout Photo Book. Mrs. Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the purchase. Second, by Mrs. Barbara Huggins. All voted "Aye" 6:0.
CURATOR REPORT	Museum Curator, Mr. Larry Lydick, stated he had given the table and chairs to the library as he was out of room in storage. Mr. Lydick stated that Ms. Betty, from the Cherokee Heritage Museum in Rusk, came and visited for an hour and invited the board members to see the private museum. Mr. Lydick stated that the west wall is going well, and that they are working on a way to identify all the items along with the history. Mr. Lydick stated that the four photographs that were purchased are hanging along the top of the display. Mr. Lydick stated that the Sam Houston story board is done, with two left to display. Mr. Lydick stated that he is looking at peel and stick carpet to complete the museum makeover. Mr. Lydick stated that donations have been lacking and had placed a donation box at the front door and screwed the other onto a table. Mr. Lydick stated on Saturday, September 21st, Mrs. Kim Hansen will cover for him while he attends a meeting with the Smith County Historical Society. Mr. Lydick stated that he is speaking with several Hispanic churches to possibly bring in speakers to honor Hispanic Heritage Month in November along with the aprons. The toy soldiers display will be displayed in December. A March to Freedom display will arrive in February along with the "I Had A Dream" speech, which will cover 120 feet of wall space. Mr. Lydick stated he had received a call asking for the large tomato painting to be returned as the caller's mother had painted it years ago. They came to an agreement to keep the painting at the museum and place a plaque to honor the painter. Mr. Lydick said he is working with the newspaper for an article on "How to take care of quilts".
QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION	Mr. Jerry McDonald stated that he is able to borrow original Civil War letters, in plastic, for display. Mrs. Charlie Esco reminded everyone that National Night Out is October 01st, in downtown Jacksonville. Mrs. Janie Barber reminded everyone that the next meeting will be on October 17, 2024.
ADJOURN	Mrs. Janie Barber adjourned at 3:46 pm.