

JACKSONVILLE VANISHING TEXANA MUSEUM BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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. Present: Chair-Janie Barber, Kim Hansen, Barbara Huggins, Charlie Esco, Judy Batton. Absent: Jerry McDonald
INVOCATION	Invocation given by Mrs. Barbara Huggins.
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	No one came forward.
MINUTE APPROVAL	Mrs. Kim Hansen made a motion to approve minutes as written. Second, by Mrs. Barbara Huggins. All voted "Aye" 5:0.
FINANCIAL REPORT	Acting City Clerk, Adriann Stroud, reported \$4,132.64 in the donation fund and \$1,900.00 in the renovation fund. Current amount in the donation box is \$141.00 for a total of \$4,273.64.
OLD BUSINESS	None.
NEW BUSINESS	
CARPETING FOR WEST LOBBY	The Library Association has agreed to donate \$1,600.00 for the purchase and installation of carpet squares in the west section of the museum. Larry Lydick, Museum Curator, plans to contact some vendors of the same brand that is in the main museum to determine if they can match it. Mr. Lydick requested an additional \$750.00 from the library board because the cost may exceed the price of the different brand that was found on Amazon. Mrs. Barbara Huggins made the motion to give an additional \$750.00 to purchase and install the carpet squares. Second, by Mrs. Charlie Esco. All voted "Aye". Also, Randy Gorham, treasurer for the Library Association, offered to contact Jacksonville College to ask if they have freestanding dividers that could be used during the March to Freedom exhibit in February.
LOVE'S LOOKOUT PHOTO BOOK PUBLICATION COSTS	Waiting on the proof before ordering. 200 copies will be approximately \$2,000.00 and the sale price is \$30.00. It's believed that the books will arrive before Christmas. Mr. Lydick requested \$2,500.00 from the donation account to order 200 Love's Lookout books. Mrs. Kim Hansen made the motion to approve the request for \$2,500.00. Second, by Mrs. Barbara Huggins. All voted "Aye".
MAIN LOBBY LIGHTING	Mr. Lydick reported that the price of 100W bulbs may be \$200.00, but he is waiting to get a quote.
CURATOR REPORT	Mr. Larry Lydick, Museum Curator, provided the new number for the museum: 903-373-9165. Mr. Lydick reported that one of the recent large groups to return for a tour of the Museum consisted of adults with autism from Palestine. They were very excited over the displays and operating the various artifacts. Mr. Lydick summarized his meeting with the Smith County Historical Society in Tyler. It was more of a meet and greet than a formal meeting. On that Saturday, Mrs. Kim Hansen covered the museum for him. He did meet the curator for the Texas Music Hall of Fame. The Palestine Museum may be reopening. Regarding the current museum book, Mr. Lydick suggested that we sell them for \$5.00 before the publication of a second museum book. As discussed with the Director, the second book will include some or all of the current items with the addition of new artifacts. The title will be simplified without a date or time period on the cover. We now have a follow-along/motion activated phone stand, so Mr. Lydick can make videos more independently because it will move as he moves. The Sam Houston Exhibit comes down next week and will be returned. Mrs. Kim Hansen met a volunteer at the New

London School Museum and was told about her apron collection and delivered it to our museum so we could display some or all of it. She does not care if they are touched or handled by guests. There are 200 or more in her collection and some of them will replace the current quilt on display with holiday/Christmas aprons.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION

Mrs. Charlie Esco purchased and sent a (get well soon) card on behalf of the board to Greg Lowe, City Clerk and secretary for the Museum Board.
The next meeting will be November 21, 2024.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Barbara Huggins moved to adjourn at 3:35 pm. All voted "Aye".