

MINUTES

CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS

MOODY MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Dan Moody Museum, 114 W. 9th Street, Taylor, Texas 76574

January 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Komandosky

Gracie Yanez

Samye Turner

Cissie Pierce

DeAnn Stuart

Travis Summerlin

Eloise Brackenridge

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marilyn Fleming

Allen David

OTHERS PRESENT

Joe Burgess, Friends of the Moody Museum Chair

Erwin Stauffer, Esteemed Community Member

Ruby Fisher, City Liaison

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terry Pierce

Call to order and declare a quorum

The meeting was called to order and quorum declared at 5:30 P.M.

Approve the minutes from November 21, 2023

A change was approved to correct the misspelling of “Fiends of the Moody” to the “Friends” of the Moody. Otherwise, the minutes for November 21, 2023, were approved as presented.

Update on City work at the museum

The update was received.

Receive update on Docent Position

The update was received. Two corrections were noted in the docent flyer. It was asked by Marilyn Flamming how the docent would be trained. Chairman Susan Komandosky explained that the docent would be provided with the two books, and then asked to attend tours. The docent would then need to produce their own tour. Susan Komandosky continued to explain that the inventory training would be done by the board members as well. It was put forward that Terry Pierce, Eloise, and Susan would form a committee to review applications and host interviews for the position.

Receive update on Garden Club assisting with Moody flowerbeds

Susan Komandosky reported that the Garden Club allotted \$1000.00 to their budget to improve the grounds at the Moody Museum. The chairman expressed gratitude for their support. It was noted that the Garden Club would be able to wait until the Museum was prepared for the service.

Report from the Friends of the Moody Museum (Joe Burgess)

The Friends of the Moody Museum thanked Reverend Terry Pierce for all she does for our community. It was reported by Joe Burgess that the courthouse bricks that were sold at the Georgetown courthouse had more bricks to be sold than expected. The bricks are placed at the Williamson County Courthouse in Georgetown – Bill Picket, Dr. James Dickey, Captain Dan

Moody, Private John Mebbie, and Cornel Ed Komandosky were all recognized. The Friends were recognized for the second largest total donation and the first largest individual donation. The Friends thanked boardman Cissie Pierce in making this possible. It was reported that the Dan Moody Statue would be 3000 pounds. It was noted that the statue will be ready to be constructed as early as it is funded. The statue itself would cost \$60,000 - \$70,000. It will be casted in bronze in Texas, and that the sculptor has pieces in museums across the country. The statue was based off of a picture of Dan Moody. The sculptor would work with the board to make sure that the statue was a true reflection of Dan Moody. It was proposed that bricks would be sold to fund the sculpture. Marilyn Flemming proposed to have a table at Heritage Square to do fund raising – and to also have the table at other events. Reverend Travis Summerlin commented that someone could come present about the Moody Museum to his Kona's Club.

Receive update on storm window installation

The storm window inserts have been measured; the windows will be installed in April. The windows will need to be cleaned before then. It is expected that the roller windows will still fit the windows afterwards.

Receive update on the Louis K. Ned Fund and the Nancy Moody bequest.

Chairman Susan Komandosky explained the funds were provided to the city to fund the museum and the museum only. Ruby Fisher explained that all interest on the accounts, remained in the accounts.

Moody Updates (All)

Identify items for the next agenda.

Adjourn and Set Date for Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm. The next meeting will be scheduled for March 19, 2024.

Ruby Fisher
Main Street, Special Events Coordinator

Susan Komandosky
Chair, Moody Museum