



Fulshear Historical Association Minutes for Annual Meeting February 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Susie Howey at 6:34 p.m. Those attending were Heather McAdoo, Heather Raphael and Susie Howey with guests Dawn McRea, Patrick McRea and Claire Rogers. Susie outlined the meeting agenda.

BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes from the January 19, 2023, meeting were approved with no changes.

2022 Summary Report: The 2022 highlights were presented by Susie Howey and included the following:

- Digital Museum – Securing the museum domain fulshearmuseum.org, previewing Kuntsmatrix, a virtual museum tool, and launching our first digital exhibit entitled The Nature of Place: Fulshear, TX.
- Community Engagement – Participated in the Fort Bend Museum Crawl & History Fair and sponsored the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers to celebrate National Dance Day hosted by Forever Fulshear at the Farmers' Market.
- Support Our Youth – Awarded Brady Morton the Community Historian Award and gave guidance to Carson O'Dell on his Eagle Scout Project to establish a Veteran's Memorial.
- Utilized Google Workspace for organizational online communications and file storage.
- Section House Update – The City Council voted to approve the sale of the Section House to a local developer who will move it to near the old Churchill Fulshear Jr. homestead and renovate or restore.

2022 Financial Report: In the absence of current Treasurer, Sonya Simmons, the financial report was given by Susie Howey. Our beginning cash balance was \$4,475 with revenue of \$70 and expenditures totally \$300, leaving a cash balance of \$4,245. Our total in-kind services amount to \$15,581, giving us an equity of \$19,825.

Election of Board Directors: The FHA members voted in the following Board of Directors' positions:

- President – Heather McAdoo
- Treasurer – Susie Howey
- Secretary – Remains vacant (Susie to temporarily fill)
- Director of Education – Heather Raphael

Each of these Board members will reside for a three-year term ending January 31, 2026. There are three Board positions that we will actively recruit for in 2023; those being Director of Development, Director of History & Research and Director of Digital Operations. These position descriptions can be found on our website under About > Position Opportunities.

2023 Goals: Heather McAdoo presented our focus areas that we will build our goals on:

- **Build Capacity** – We will strive to fill our four vacant positions to complete our Board of Directors and gain new members in general.
- **Core Documents** – We will solidify our core documents including reviewing and/or modifying our current by-laws, our vision, mission, values and creating and implementing a three-year strategic plan to support our mission objectives.
- **Advisory Board** – We would like to establish a 10-member Advisory Board to act in the capacity of consultants and attend Advisory Board meetings to supply us with support.
- **Planning and Fundraising** – In order to achieve our mission and goals, we'll need to raise funds for digitization tools and a collections management program. Additionally, we may be called upon to help organize Fulshear's Bicentennial celebration event in 2024 alongside the Chamber of Commerce.
- **Community Outreach** – We are looking forward to building partnerships and relationships to help serve our community. These partnerships include our local City Council, Fort Bend County Library, Fort Bend Historical Commission, Fulshear-Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, the historic Greater Zachry Baptist Church, Foster Museum and Katy Heritage Society.

SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION

Fulshear student Patrick McRea talked about his upcoming Eagle Scout project, which is to restore the Black Cemetery off FM 1093. His plan is to build a new entrance accessible from a path from the new elementary school parking lot and utilize some of those parking spaces for cemetery use.

Q&A AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Heather Raphael complimented Patrick on his presentation and offered our FHA support on anything we could do to help him with his Eagle Project.

Susie Howey gave an update on the Pleasant Hill Cemetery marker. The marker is in the hands of the Fort Bend Historical Commission as of December 2022 and they are waiting until nicer weather to have an unveiling presentation. Ana Acosta from the Fort Bend Historical Commission asked the FHA if we wanted to be involved in that event, and we responded that we would. Heather Raphael suggested planting bluebonnets around the marker once it's in place.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Heather McAdoo recognized the following for their active support of the FHA in 2022: FHA Board of Directors, Dawn McRea and her family and Claire Rogers. Susie thanked Heather McAdoo for all her hard work and sharing her

expertise and Heather Raphael for time and talent and strong commitment to educating the community about our history.

Our meetings are the first Thursday of every month via Zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Susie will send out a Zoom link and it will also be posted on our website under News & Events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Sincerely,

Susie Howey, Secretary
Fulshear Historical Association