

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TARRANT  
CITY OF GRAPEVINE**

The Grapevine Heritage Foundation (GHF) held their regular scheduled monthly meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor CVB Boardroom of the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau, 636 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051. Present were:

Melva Stanfield	Chairman
Balla Wright	Treasurer
Frances Jensen	Vice-Chairman
Austin Kellerman	Member
David Stine	Member

The above constitutes a quorum,

Absent was:

Sue Franks	Member
Wendy Nelson	Secretary
Courtney Fray	Member
Duff O'Dell	City Council Liaison

With the following Convention & Visitors Bureau staff present:

Paul W McCallum	Executive Director
Chris Laugenour	Managing Director of Operations
David Klempin	Heritage Preservation Programs Manager
Kayce Vanderpool	Heritage Preservation Programs Secretary

Citizen in attendance:

Becky St. John

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Chairman Melva Stanfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments - There were no citizen comments registered.

*Any person who is not scheduled on the agenda may address the Grapevine Heritage Foundation under Citizen Comments by completing a Citizen Appearance Request form. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Advisory Board is restricted in discussing or taking any action during Citizen Comments.*

No Citizens Comments were made.

**2. WELCOME**

Chairman Stanfield welcomed the CVB staff and the GHF Board members.

### **3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Chairman Stanfield suggested we approve the minutes from the May 17, 2023 meeting. Balla Wright made a motion to approve the Minutes as written from the May 17, 2023 regular meeting. Frances Jensen seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the Minutes as written passes with a vote of:

Ayes: 5 (Stanfield, Wright, Jensen, Kellerman, Stine)

Nays: 0 None

Chairman Stanfield shared that there was a special reception held Friday, June 23, 2023 at the Lancaster Theatre to recognize our own GHF Board Member, Frances Jensen for 10 great years of introductions of the movies and volunteering. She was presented with a personalized brass plate to be placed on her own personally selected seat, a framed poster and mini Oscar for the "Best Movie Introductions". David Klempin was the MC and made the presentation, others spoke about her good work and dedication to the Palace Theatre. Frances Jensen said it was a big surprise and a great night and she felt the support of all that came out including many of her regulars. All applauded this accomplishment.

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Membership Report – David Klempin**

David Klempin presented the membership report. The current membership has 164 active members. May donations total \$9,525.00; from Main Street Fest a \$500.00 donation, a \$100.00 Nash Farm Brick, a \$50.00 donation in Memory of Pat Stinson a Emerita GHF Board Member and \$8,875.00 donation from Sharron Rogers to GHF for the purchase a Historic Studebaker Wagon to be displayed and used in educational programs at Nash Farm.

#### **B. Sponsorship Report – Balla Wright**

Balla Wright reported the Sponsorship is currently at \$22,750.00.

#### **C. Nash Farm Report – Melva Stanfield**

Melva Stanfield reported that May's First Friday "Tools of the Trade" was attended by 103 people; Nash Farm had 4 groups equaling 98 visitors; 7 tours have brought in 563 students; Homeschool day had 227 participants; one rental for a birthday party of 73 guests; Casual visitation for May is 922 bringing it to a total of 1986 visitors. Nash Farm had 144 volunteer hours.

June's First Friday theme was "Music Makers" it was attended by 140 people; 8 tours brought 453 students; Dairy Day had 159 guests; Casual visitation for June to date is 702; Homeschool day had 70 attendees and three more tours are expected.

Austin Kellerman asked when the new Studebaker Wagon will be displayed. Mr. McCallum said it will likely be in 2024 when the Agricultural Vehicle Display Extension has been completed.

The Ice Cream Social is coming up on Saturday, July 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**D. Grapevine Heritage Foundation Brochure Report – Frances Jensen**

Frances Jensen reported that the June GHF Brochure meeting was canceled due to members busy schedules. They are working on the brochure, she said Courtney Fray had asked about getting the original word document of text for the layout. She said they are working to find a time to meet the first week of July if possible.

**E. 2024 Calendar Committee Report – Melva Stanfield**

Chairman Stanfield reported that they need to set up a new meeting date, the June meeting was canceled due to committee members schedules.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

David Klempin presented three items for accession as a donation from the Grapevine Historical Society. There are three items they want to donate to the Grapevine Heritage Foundation.

The first item presented was for the Grapevine Vintage Railroad Collection, a framed Cotton Belt Depot ink and watercolor by artist Larry Bridges. It represents the older Depot and Puffy the engine painted from a 1920's photo of the 1888 Cotton Belt Route. It is a signed print, matted, framed then hand signed. This item could be a great addition to the Depot.

The second item is a 1920's Quilt in superb condition. As appraised by Kimberly Prack, it demonstrates the patterns and colors used in the 1920's. This item could be on display as an educational tool and placed in the bedroom of the Historic Nash Farm House.

The third item is a Dinner Bell used on the farm of Harvey and Judy Forbes. The old farmhouse is now located at the corner of College and Church Street. The bell was safely stored in the 1970's when the farm was sold. It is 14 inches in diameter, it comes with the yolk, crank, bowl clapper, and the upright, all the items needed to put it back in working order. It is in excellent condition and could be used at Nash Farm.

The three items are donated by Eddie Etch a descendant of the Forbes.

Austin Kellerman made a motion to accept the items presented for accession, Balla Wright seconded the motion.

The items were approved for accession with the following vote:

Ayes: 5 (Stanfield, Wright, Jensen, Kellerman, Stine)

Nays: 0 None

**6. LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau Liaison Report – Paul W. McCallum**

Mr. McCallum gave a brief report on the Main Street Festival. He said the event was over a long weekend (full Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and was a successful event. He said the events are coming back stronger since Covid-19.

It rained on Friday but the Main Street Businesses reported that their business was boosted because the people came into the restaurants and businesses during the rain and stayed and purchased items. Businesses on Main Street reported largest sales for a Main Street Festival so far.

Denton Bricker the Festival and Events Director and his team along with the Steering Committee came up with some new fun and successful ideas. This year they split up the Craft Brew into two experiences, one was at the Cotton Belt Depot under a large structure with 50 breweries from 15 states. The other one was the Taste of Texas at Liberty Park with 17 small Texas breweries offering a separate VIP area. They also added a Brews and Bites pairing, Circus School for 6-12-year olds to learn circus acts, Chicken N' Pickle Ball Courts, and the new addition of 4 different Ethnic Street Food Truck options; South America, Caribbean, African, Middle East.

The CVB marketing department promoted the Grapevine Brand by reaching out to many of the communities within 150 miles from the DFW area (Houston, Austin, Midland, Lubbock, San Antonio, Odessa, Lawton, Oklahoma City, Shreveport to name a few).

Chris Laugenour reported that the 1905 Nash Farm Barn will be getting a new wood shingle roof as soon as the contractor bids are completed.

The Nash Equipment Shed Extension drawings are being finalized, with the next step to get quotes from the contractors. The Barn and the Ice House are getting the fire suppression systems installed to keep the historic buildings protected for future generations.

The Palace Theater is having a new lighting control system installed this week. The Ware Brothers are scheduled to paint the front of the building. The front theater doors are going to be repaired, a contractor was selected who can repair them one at a time. They will be the same doors restored.

David Klempin said that Chris Laugenour is doing a great job getting these bids and the repairs completed and done correctly. Frances Jensen said she is excited to get all the projects finished at the Palace.

#### **B. City Council Liaison Update – Duff O'Dell**

No report was given.

The next regular meeting of the Grapevine Heritage Foundation is scheduled for July 19, 2023.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

June 21, 2023

At 5:39 p.m. David Stein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Francis Jensen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m. with the following vote:

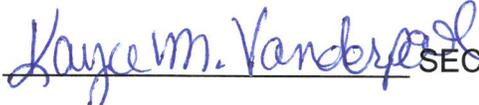
Ayes: 5 (Stanfield, Wright, Jensen, Kellerman, Stine)  
Nays: 0 None

PASSED AND APPROVED JULY 19, 2023 MINUTES BY THE GRAPEVINE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, ON THIS THE 19TH DAY OF JULY, 2023.

APPROVED:

  
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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY