

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

The Grapevine Heritage Foundation (GHF) held their scheduled *Annual Meeting of the Membership* at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at the Ted R. Ware Plaza International Sister Cities Friendship Hall at 619 South Church Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051.

Melva Stanfield	Chairman
Frances Jensen	Vice-Chairman
Balla Wright	Treasurer
Wendy Nelson	Secretary
Courtney Fray	Board Member
David Stine	Board Member
Stephanie Wright	Board Member
Duff O'Dell	City Council Liaison
Chris Coy	City Council

The above constituting a quorum with member(s) Sue Franks and Austin Kellerman were absent.

With the following Convention & Visitors Bureau staff present:

Paul W. McCallum	CVB Executive Director
David Klempin	Heritage Preservation Programs Manager
Kimberly Prack	Heritage Museums and Education Programs
Kayce Vanderpool	Administrative Assistant
Cody Scallions	Manager of Historic Museums and Nash Farm
Barry Feldner	Festival and Events Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Melva Stanfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone to the Ted Ware Plaza; and gave a tribute to Ruby Moore the previous owner of the house that is now the Sister Cities Friendship Hall. She introduced the City Council Members Duff O'Dell the GHF Liaison and Chris Coy; GHF Advisory Board Members; CVB Directors, and staff.

Melva Stanfield told about the recent trip to the National Trust Conference held in Washington D. C. that was attended by Paul W. McCallum, David Klempin, Paul Slechta, Duff O'Dell, Melva Stanfield, Sean Shope, Terri Meyer and Curtis Ratliff.

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*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 action during Citizen Comments.*

There were no citizen comments registered.

### **3. CHECK PRESENTATION**

Festival & Events Manager Barry Feldner on behalf of 2023 GrapeFest's ItalianCarFest™ presented a check in the amount of \$4,500.00 to the Grapevine Heritage Foundation Chairman Melva Stanfield and Nash Farm Committee Chairman. Mr. Feldner said that the event was a wonderful collaboration with the car show that presented 103 unforgettable vehicles and the exemplary preservation of the Farm. He also said the event was a huge success and the sheep were a big hit.

### **4. 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW**

Chairman Melva Stanfield reported on the highlights of 2023. The Preservation Advocacy Awards presented in May; "Preservation Project Award" presented to Eric and Patricia Whetstone for the restoration of the 1936 Benjamin R. Wall House located at 415 South Dooley Street and the "Conservation Project Award" presented to Hibah Zatar and Ali Rana for the 1905 Roberson House at 608 South Dooley Street; A new roof on Nash Farm's Red Barn; The Nash Farm events Spring into Nash and the Fall Round-up.

#### **Membership Report – David Klempin**

The membership was reported at 163 active memberships; membership dues raised \$4,275; donations received in the amount of \$8,210; and the memorial brick program had 20 bricks added;

#### **Palace Theatre Report – Frances Jensen**

Frances has been giving the presentations at the Palace Theater for the past 10 years and was recognized with her own mini Oscar, a seat plaque, a "Going My Way" movie poster during her reception for her dedication to the Historic Palace Theater.

During 2023 there were 10 First Friday Classic Movies shown with a total of 876 attendees. They hosted 420 events with the attendance over 67,409 individuals. The Palace now has new Marque Lights and the classic front doors are being restored. She reported that many people are grateful for the low price of the concessions and they love to share this great treasure with their families and make memories.

Frances encouraged everyone to come out to The Palace during the holidays. They will have 21 holiday movies and many loved live performances. She said we are looking forward to a great lineup of movies in 2024– see you at The Palace!

**Nash Farm Report – Cody Scallions**

Cody Scallions reported that there were 37 Special Events at Nash Farm with 22,236 attendees; 17 regular volunteers with a total of 638 volunteer hours; there were 68 Nash Farm Tours and had 11 Nash Farm Sponsors that brought in \$22,750.00.

Melva Stanfield said that Nash Farm is where memories are made, lessons are learned and the cutest baby farm animals can be seen and enjoyed! Nash Farm is truly an “unforgettable destination!

**Plans for the New Year – Melva Stanfield**

Melva Stanfield gave a report of the plans for 2024 The Preservation Advocacy Awards will be May 7, 2024 during the City Council Meeting and said anyone can nominate a home for recognition. She said the Grapevine Heritage Foundation plans to increase the membership to 175 members, the new GHF membership brochure will be out in 2024, we plan to booster the volunteer opportunities, Nash Farm is looking at adding some appropriate lighting and building the approved wagon barn extension and increase attendance to 30,000 in 2024 along with boosting volunteer opportunities.

Melva said as we wrap up 2023 we know we have all worked hard, have truly been blessed and have had an unforgettable year at the Grapevine Heritage Foundation. Thank you all for being a very special, important part of this success. With a closing thought of “Our Unforgettable Grapevine Year” annual meeting with the GHF we have learned about the past while having fun and sharing meaningful times together. She thanked the Foundation members for an outstanding 2023!

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Stanfield adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 16, 2023 MINUTES BY THE GRAPEVINE HERITAGE FOUNDATION THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY