

**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 11, 2021 at the Ted R. Ware Plaza International Sister Cities Friendship Hall at 619 South Church Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051.

Curtis Ratliff	Chairman
Melva Stanfield	Vice Chairman
Balla Wright	Treasurer
Janet Perkins	Secretary
Becky Hummer	Member
Frances Jensen	Member
Wendy Nelson	Member
Duff O'Dell	City Council Liaison
Sharon Rogers	City Council Liaison

The above constituting a quorum with member(s) Sue Franks and Courtney Fray absent.

With the following Convention & Visitors Bureau staff present:

David Klempin	Heritage Preservation Programs Manager
Kimberly Prack	Heritage Museums and Education Programs
Lisa Doss	Administrative
Brady Closson	Deputy Executive Director
Barry Feldner	Festival and Events Manager
Naomi Saenz	Sister Cities Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Curtis Ratliff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. welcoming everyone to the Ted Ware Plaza; introducing the Heritage Foundation Board, City Council Members Duff O'Dell and Sharon Rogers; GHF Advisory Board Members; CVB Directors, and staff. He thanked Sister Cities Coordinator Naomi Saenz and was very pleased that the Settlement to City Museums were open for everyone to enjoy; Great entertainment was provided by The Lone Star String Band.

2. 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 action during Citizen Comments.

3. CHECK PRESENTATION

Festival & Events Manager Barry Feldner on behalf of GrapeFest ItalianCarFest™ presented a check to Grapevine Heritage Foundation Treasurer Balla Wright thanking all for the wonderful collaboration with the car show and Nash Farm.

4. 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

Chairman Curtis Ratliff, staff and board members each reported on the highlights of 2021 and plans for the new year.

Membership Report – Secretary Janet Perkins

The membership was reported at 194 active memberships; membership dues raised \$12,080; donations received in the amount of \$10,080; and the memorial brick program had 13 bricks added; Janet thanked our members and Curtis noted membership and volunteers are the life blood of this foundation.

Palace Theatre Report – Frances Jensen

During the Palace Arts Center for 2021, we had 359 events with an attendance total of over 33,000 individuals, not bad for still being in a pandemic! The economic impact of that is a little over \$1.2 million dollars even considering the year we have had. There were 61 performing and visual arts events; 25 banquets and social gatherings; 54 association meetings. The Palace Arts Theatre ran a total of 153 movies and our shows included The Texas Tenors, Petersens, Carpenters Tribute band, The Sinatra Experience, Friday night Funnies and more!

The Palace Theatre is celebrating its 81st anniversary on November the 21st, there are not a lot of theatres that have been around for 81 years as many are being sold and basically facing the demolition block. We have the Mayor, City Council, Grapevine Heritage Foundation, Grapevine Historical Society, the Historic Preservation Commission and our citizens to thank! They love this town, preservation and history. They want to see Nash Farm, which is the heart of our foundation and The Palace Theatre, which is the gem on Main Street continue. I am so excited that people are coming back to the theatre bringing their generations of families to make memories.

Please come out to The Palace during the holidays. They will have your favorites and soon to be classics. We are looking forward to a great lineup of movies in 2022– see you at The Palace!

Nash Farm Report – Vice Chairman Melva Stanfield

Nash Farm had a wonderful 2021, setting records in everything from visitation, earned income and sponsorship. First Friday events have brought in numerous visitors with attendance of over 300 people each time. Nash Farm is alive and well with larger turnouts than ever before at the 21st Annual Fall Roundup!

Choppin' Cotton, our public work inducted at Fall Roundup, is a wonderful way to remind you where our community came from and that farming wasn't easy; this is a great remembrance to the roots of our families that once lived and worked in this area. Two men in particular we honor in remembrance with this sculpture are Joe Wright and Jess Daniels who made great contributions to our community, the farm and our heritage foundation.

In 2022, Nash Farm is going to focus on 19th Century Skills and Trades. Cody and the staff at Nash Farm are working hard to come up with new programming; we have many repeat visitors and the farm is dedicated to changing things up so people want to keep coming back time and again. We would also like to remind you that the heritage foundation appreciates your membership and support; we need your help and would like to see more volunteers and our members be involved; take possession of the farm as we have all worked so hard for it.

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Curtis Ratliff expressed great appreciation of Nash Farm and The Palace Theatre noting they are very important destinations and attractions for Grapevine and all of Texas; very proud of what has been accomplished this year, weathering the Pandemic and our programs continued to be important in the lives of our community, young and old.

Heritage Museums and Education Programs Manager Cody Jolliff, has done a great job connecting Nash Farm with Main Street and the sites in the Cotton Belt Railroad District. We will continue to expand these connections by growing our programs, building our staff of volunteers, offering new learning opportunities across Nash Farm and our historic sites; presenting our history and sharing our heritage with students and visitors alike. New this year, the Board has also been discussing ways to create an endowment fund to help expand our great programs. We have learned about the past while having fun and sharing meaningful times together; thank you foundation members for an outstanding 2021!

Before this meeting is adjourned, Chairman Curtis asks if there are any questions or comments? Grapevine Heritage Foundation member Ms. Liz Covington speaks up and declares that she would like to express that even though she is not a local resident, she takes a great deal of pride in Grapevine. People look around at other cities and they say, "why didn't we do that"? You can build all the new you want to, but unless you hold on to that past and you build onto it, you don't have the same thing. When you come to

Grapevine, you get a feeling that you belong and are wanted here. Where I live, we have shopping centers, a little town hall and no downtown so I come to Grapevine! Working at Nash Farm all these years being connected while seeing growth and change, there is always something new and different. That's what life should be; without the past to build on, you don't have life at all. Curtis expressed his deep appreciation of Ms. Covington and her contribution to Nash Farm particularly in the story telling. He had mentioned to Heritage Preservation Programs Manager David Klempin just the other day of a story she told that had such an impact on him personally. Ms. Covington proceeded to tell her heartwarming story originating from German folklore known as The Legend of the Christmas Spider.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ratliff called to adjourn the meeting with another unanimous consent to adjourn.

Ayes: 7 (Ratliff, Stanfield, Wright, Perkins, Hummer, Jensen and Nelson)

Nays: 0 None

Absent: 2 (Franks and Fray)

PASSED AND APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 11, 2021 MNUTES BY THE GRAPEVINE HERITAGE FOUNDATION THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

APPROVED:



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



SECRETARY