February 16, 2021. 7PM

Speakers: Dr. Collin Garbarino

Topic: The Birth of Democracy

Everyone in America knows that democracy is the best form of government. It’s become an article of faith that if anything is wrong with the government, the best cure would be to apply just a little more democracy. But what exactly is democracy, and does it always lead to good outcomes? In this talk we’ll look at how Athens gave birth to democracy and we’ll look at why America’s Founding Fathers rejected Athenian democracy as a viable model for our Constitution.

Bio: Dr. Collin Garbarino is an associate professor of history at Houston Baptist University where he teaches courses in Greek and Roman history. He has written for numerous publications and has even appeared on national television to discuss his views on popular culture. In addition to his teaching and writing, Dr. Garbarino is an active real estate investor and agent in Fort Bend County where he lives with his wife and four children.

Location: Gus George Law Enforcement Academy - 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, Texas.
Meeting Minutes from the January Meeting

FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Minutes from January 19, 2021
The Fort Bend Archeological Society met at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Richmond TX. In attendance were seven members and two guests. Jay Roussel, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes from December 15, 2020 - No objections, minutes stand as approved. Treasurer’s Report: Balance as of January 13, 2021 is $4,823.16. No objections, Treasurer’s Report stands accepted.

Old Business:
- Paul Spana reported on the status of the Lamar excavations.
- Roussel discussed the GPR work performed by FBAS members at the Bowser site 41FB03 in Fulshear, Texas. Repatriation of the burials from previous Bowser excavations is being performed by another individual.

New Business:
- No new business was discussed.

Announcements:
- The next meeting will be held February 16 at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy. The speaker, from Houston Baptist University, will speak about what ideas our founding fathers took and didn’t take from Greek democracy.

Presentation:
Vice-President, Rich Murphy introduced speaker John Nova Lomax. His presentation was about the work of his great-grandfather who captured American folk music for the Library of Congress, some of which came from Fort Bend and Brazoria County.

Meeting adjourned 7:52 p.m.
Minutes submitted by: Paul Spana

Treasurer’s Report
February 10, 2021

Balance as of January 13, 2021 $4,823.16
No changes to the bank account this month

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Submitted by
Claire Rogers, Treasurer