

## **Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission**

A regular meeting of the Williamson Historical Commission was held on February 9, 2017 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. David Ciambone served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members present were: Nancy Bell, David Ciambone, Mildred David, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, George Meyer, George Schumann, P.J. Stevens, and Wayne Ware.

There was one guest present: Alejandra Valdez, the Southwestern University student who is working as an intern on the new website with Nancy Bell. She reported on her progress in trying to locate the Laura Kuykendall marker that was removed from its original site on the Southwestern University Campus.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nancy Bell reported that there is a \$1,095 balance in the General Fund and \$6,937.72 in the Program Fund.

### **Old Business:**

Nancy Bell reported that she has gone through the information on 263 historical markers. She is still working through them. She also met with Diane Gaume. She cannot give a deadline for getting the website up; there is still too much to go through.

She is trying to locate the Williamson County granite marker that was given to the county in 1936. It was moved from a rest area off I-35 just south of Georgetown, when it was closed some years ago. When found, a new location should be determined.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Oral History --**

Dan Doss reported that there will be an open house at the Homer Caswell House at 207 East Ninth Street, Georgetown, TX on Friday, February 24, 2017, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Beverly Larkham, the owner for 32 years, has renovated the home that will become a rental property. She has researched the history of the house and will be giving an oral and written history. The original owner of the house, Homer Caswell, committed suicide there in 1945.

Dan also reported that Winnann Ewing plans to have a Baylor University professor come to give the WCHC a workshop on oral history.

**Membership –**

George Schumann reported that there were not any brick sales this month. He has looked into the purchase of a new WCHC banner with the new logo. The cost for a banner that measures 26”X26” will be \$46.25. Kandy Dipprey moved that the banner be ordered. Mildred Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

**Infrastructure –**

Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

None

**Announcements:**

Historical houses on the Chisholm Trail in Round Rock will open as Williamson Museum Annexes.

The new World War I exhibit at the Williamson Museum will be opening soon.

David Ciambrone sent in the WCHC Yearly Report for 2016 to the Texas Historical Commission.

Col. Little reported that James White has introduced a bill in the legislature known as the Texas Hero Protective Act. Its’ purpose is to prevent the destruction of items such as statues, markers, and other things of historical importance.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.