

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on October 11, 2018 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas. Eloise Brackenridge served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary, in the absence of Rachel Arnold.

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

Members present were: Joe Burgess, Nancy Bell, Eloise Brackenridge, Kelly Clark, Midred Davis, Jane DiGesauldo, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, Michael McCloskey, Jan Raesz, Tina Steiner, and David Voelter.

There were no guests present.

Minutes:

The Chair called for review of the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting. Kandy Dipprey moved that the minutes be approved. David Voelter seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Bell reported that the Williamson County Commissioners Court approved \$1,585 for the General Fund for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. That amount is \$100 less than requested.

Nancy also reported that bridges, towns, and pictures are all going up on the new website. She is still working on cemeteries. She will be working with Wayne Ware to go over the oral histories. Everything is moving along on the website.

Old Business:

. Stephen Benold fund raising presentation – David Voelter asked for volunteers for a committee to help with planning on format, place and other details. The Round Rock newspaper will be running an article about the WCHC.

Committees Reports:

Markers – None

Cemeteries –

Wayne Ware was not present. Shelby Little reported that he and Wayne would be at Rices Crossing Cemetery on Saturday. Volunteers from Sun City would also be helping.

Winnann Ewing reported that the Daniel Coleman DAR was out working on the Farmer Cemetery, which they had adopted. They placed a sign acknowledging who was taking care of the cemetery.

There was also discussion concerning the difficulty in accessing the McFadden Cemetery in Taylor for clean up. The property owner will not answer any calls.

Museum News –

Mickie Ross was not present, but Winnann Ewing distributed a list of upcoming events at the Williamson Museums.

Joe Burgess shared that there was going to be a story telling event at the Moody Museum. The topic is “Women’s Contributions to the History of Taylor.” The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the stories start at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The speakers will be recorded and have already signed releases for the recordings. They plan to turn this into a series, which will include ghost stories.

Oral History –

Winnann Ewing reported that Jane DiGesauldo had interviewed a 102 year old gentleman that is in a nursing home.

Winnann is also updating the release form and will send that out to the WCHC via email.

She hopes to meet with the committee next week and will work on a theme to coordinate with the new museum exhibits.

Brick Sales –

Shelby Little is working with a new company – That’s My Brick – from which to purchase the memorial bricks. The bricks are very well done. Five is the minimum number bricks that can be ordered at a time. The cost to the WCHC will be \$22 per brick. The cost to the purchaser would remain at \$50.

He has also met with the city concerning the placement of 8”X8” bricks that are also available through this company. The city was okay with the larger bricks. The cost to the WCHC of the larger bricks would be \$50. We would charge \$75 for the purchase.

Shelby Little moved that the WCHC include the 8”X8”bricks for purchase at a cost of \$75 and retain the cost of \$50 for the 4”X8” bricks. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Shelby also gave a brief report on happenings around the state concerning Civil War Monuments and the Veterans’ Day Parade in Austin.

Historic Bridges –

No report. Dan Doss was not present.

Historic Places –

No report. Rachel Arnold was not present.

New Business:

Kandy Dipprey has made arrangements for our Christmas Party to be held on December 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Tony and Luigi's Italian Restaurant.

The owners are very accommodating. They will be compiling a special menu for us. There will be selections for starters, salads, and 8 different entrees. We will have a menu ahead of time to consider our selections.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Acting Secretary.