

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on September 13, 2018 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas. Eloise Brackenridge served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as Secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

Members present were: Rachel Arnold, Joe Burgess, Eloise Brackenridge, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Winann Ewing, Mike Fowler, Barbara Glasscock, Shelby Little, Jan Raesz, Mickie Ross, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

There were two guests present: Terry Cook, a Williamson County Commissioner, and Doris Sanchez, from Ms. Cook's office.

Minutes:

The Chair called for review of the minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting. Rachel Arnold moved that the minutes be approved. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Bell was not present, but had emailed the treasurer's report prior to the meeting. There is \$6,110.42 in the Program Fund and \$189.99 in the General Fund.

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Markers –

Mickie Ross reported that the Florence Church application has not been received back from the THC. There were a couple of changes that need to be made. The Cooper/Taylor house application is moving forward. She has received a couple of applications for the new application period.

Cemeteries –

Wayne Ware reported that they have started clean up at two new cemeteries. They have gotten the Connell/Bear Creek Cemetery under control, and they are continuing work on the ones that they have previously cleaned (about 20 of them). Winnann Ewing reported that the DAR chapter is working on the Farmer Cemetery.

Museum News –

Mickie Ross went over a list of happenings at the Williamson Museum:

- . September 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. and September 27 in the p.m. - A book on Health Care in Williamson County
- . September 22, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Hispanic Heritage Month at the Chisholm Trail Museum
- . September 23 – Austin Museum Day
- . October 12&13 - Ghost Tours
- . October 20 – Cattleman’s Ball at the Sheraton Hotel in Georgetown –There will be a steak dinner and the cost is \$100 per person. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. The honored guest will be “Big Boy” Hester of Round Rock.
- . October will be the Month of Mourning at the Chisholm Trail Museum.

Oral History –

Winann Ewing reported that her committee had met on September 5, 2018. She passed out a list of procedures for conducting oral histories.

The topic of transcription of oral histories was discussed. Rachel Arnold volunteered to transcribe the oral history recordings.

Brick Sales –

Shelby Little reported that the P. O. box for the WCHC has been renewed.

The brick committee met today. They discussed changes in the cost for bricks that our supplier has implemented. The committee is exploring other sources and the possibility of increasing the cost to the applicants for the bricks. The WCHC is competing against many other organizations for brick sales.

Bridges/Infrastructure –

Dan Doss did not have anything new to report.

Historical Places Identification -

Rachel Arnold reports that she plans to send out an email to other community organizations for input of how we need to go about collecting information on historical places for the census.

New Business:

- . Nominations and election of new WCHC secretary

The Chair called for nominations for the secretary position that is being vacated by Barbara Glasscock. Having no nominations either by email or in person, she called for any volunteers. Rachel Arnold graciously volunteered for the position. Rachel was voted in by acclamation. Rachel accepted, but will not be present at the October meeting.

- . Christmas Party

Kandy Dipprey reported that she has talked with several restaurants. The Blue Corn Harvest Restaurant stated that they could accommodate us if it could be held on a Wednesday, since that is the slowest day of the week. They do not have a separate dining area for groups. The times that are available are 3:00-6:00 or 8:00-10:00 p.m. They could prepare a special menu that would cost \$18 per person. Kandy will look into other places and report back at the October meeting.

Reports and Announcements –

Mike Fowler asked the commission if we had conducted any ethics training. He also wondered what would happen with a historical building across from Dell Diamond, where a water park (Kalahari Resorts) is being planned. These items can be looked into.

The Chair thanked Commissioner Terry Cook and Doris Sanchez for their attendance at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.