

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on April 11, 2019 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas. Eloise Brackenridge served as Chair and Rachel Arnold served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Members present were: Rachel Arnold, Nancy Bell, Eloise Brackenridge, Joe Burgess, Mildred Davis, Jane DiGesauldo, Dan Doss, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, Michael McCloskey, Jan Raesz, and David Voelter.

Charlene Seboca was a guest.

Minutes:

The Chair called for review of the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting. It was recommended that the date be corrected, Mildred Davis's name be change from David, the wording regarding the supplemental plaque under the markers item. Nancy Bell moved that the minutes be approved with the changes. Barbara Glasscock seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Bell reported that the WCHC General fund has a balance of \$792.74, the Programs Fund has \$8,136.43, the Donations Fund has \$444.44 and we have \$100 of unrestricted donations.

Nancy Bell passed out and discussed the proposed budget for the WCHC for Fiscal Year 2020. Rachel Arnold made a motion to submit the budget to the Williamson County Auditor's office and Michael McCloskey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business:

The supplemental plaque on the courthouse will now cost \$500 to replace. Rachel Arnold motioned, and Nancy Bell seconded that a small committee comprising of Michael McCloskey, Shelby Little, Rachel Arnold, Mickie Ross and Tina Steiner will discuss the best wording to present to the WCHC for review prior to the presentation to the County Judge and Commissioners Court.

The chair asked the Commission if we would like to meet throughout the summer. Joe Burgess moved to meet during the months of June and July and only take December off. Rachel Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Committees Reports:

Markers –

Mickie Ross was absent. However, Nancy Bell reported that the City of Jarrell requested that the marker recognizing the two deadly tornadoes and the Iggo family be moved to Memorial Park. The message was forwarded to Mickie Ross for consideration.

The marker designating Winnann's family home, the Taylor-Cooper Houst, as a recorded Texas Historic Landmark will be unveiled May 19, 2019 at 1:00PM. The public is invited to attend. Please RSVP to wewingtay-coop@suddenlink.net.

Cemeteries –

Rachel Arnold discussed the Hunt Cemetery and concern about access. Nancy Bell emailed information to Rachel for distribution to the family for guaranteed access.

Museum News –

No report. Chisholm Trail Days was very successful and had great attendance.

Oral History –

Winnann will have 30 copies with a checklist. Winnann to confirm that oral histories go to the museum prior to having them transcribed.

Website –

Went live on March 13th 2019. In two weeks, we had 443 hits and a total of 1502 by April 8th. Some searches have come from Germany, Mexico, UK, Belgium.

Speakers –

When is the next event? We'd love to have more speakers. Might make this an annual/semi-annual event. Keep people in mind, like Kicker Gary.

Brick Sales –

Sold two this past month. David Voelter will fill out the brick forms that the WCHC donated in honor of our two speakers

Historic Bridges –

No report

Historic Places –

The subcommittee met for the first time. We decided to go small and not recreate the wheel. We discussed how we want to gather information and how we want to use it. We need to define exactly what the goal of the census. Next meeting schedule for May

RACHEL ARNOLD HAD TO LEAVE THE MEETING AT 5:15 PM AND NO ADDITIONAL MINUTES WERE TAKEN.