

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on May 14, 2015, in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street, Georgetown TX. P.J. Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present were: Patricia Baldwin, Nancy Bell, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Clare Easley, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Lloyd Mattingly, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, George Schumann, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, Mervin Walker, and Wayne Ware.

There was one guest present: Annette Voelter.

The Chair called for review of the minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting. Lloyd Mattingly moved that the minutes be approved. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that the current bank balance is \$11,063.14. There was one expenditure for \$50, and one deposit of \$3.50 interest received.

Mildred presented the proposed WCHC budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The budget committee had met on April 15, 2015.

There was discussion concerning the difficulties the treasurer was having with the current financial software. Nancy Bell suggested that we switch our software to Quick Books from Quicken. P.J. Stevens moved that the WCHC approve up to \$100 for the purchase of the Quick Books software. Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Committee Reports:

Markers -

Mickie Ross reported that the WCHC is hosting a Marker Rehabilitation Workshop in conjunction with THC on Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. on the south steps of the courthouse. There will be work on the markers from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

During Preservation Month there will be a historical marker tour with costumed docents. The museum is partnering with the Georgetown Heritage Society and the Main Street Project.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that cemetery cleanup was pretty well rained out. When school is out he plans to work on the McNutt Cemetery. He has been looking into the repair of tombstones. He plans to talk with someone at the THC about approved methods of repair (i.e.: epoxy as opposed to their current methods).

Oral History –

Pat Baldwin reported that she met with her committee on May 4. There is now a check out sheet for the use of the voice recorders that are housed at the Williamson Museum.

Membership –

Kandy Dipprey had nothing new to report. She is moving forward with a push for brick sales.

Infrastructure –

The Chair met with Commissioner Lisa Berkman and Linda Henderson, of TxDOT, concerning the proposed change to the Consulting Party Agreement between Williamson County and TxDOT for Section 106 reviews. The decision was to keep it basically the same as the agreement from July 2007.

New Business:

The Chair proposed the formation of a website committee to discuss the revision of the WCHC website. Members of the committee will be Nancy Bell, Mickie Ross, George Schuman, Wayne Ware and P.J. Stevens. The committee needs to meet to discuss two major issues:

1. Mission Statement and continuity of the website
2. Nothing should be put on the website without more than one person looking at it.

Announcements –

There will be a proclamation for Preservation Month read at the County Commissioners Court and City Council meetings.

The Peterson House in Hutto is moving forward. There will be competing brick sales for funding of this museum.

The Emzy Taylor Civil War sword has been returned to the City of Georgetown. It was returned to the Miller Family.

The WCHC agreed that there would be no meetings in June and July. The next scheduled meeting will be in August.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.