

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on August 11, 2016 in the Williamson County Court House at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. David Ciambone served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

P.J. Stevens called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.. He welcomed everyone back from the summer break and introduced our newest member, Bonnie Wilson.

Members present were: Nancy Bell, Eloise Brackenridge, David Ciambone, Clare Easley, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, Lloyd Mattingly, George Myer, Mickie Ross, George Schumann, P.J. Stevens, Wayne Ware, and Bonnie Wilson.

There were no guests present.

Minutes:

P.J. called for review of the May 2016 minutes. Lloyd Mattingly moved that the minutes be approved. Clare Easley seconded the minutes. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

P.J. Stevens announced that this was his last duties as Chair and turned the meeting over to our new Chair, David Ciambone.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis was not present. Nancy Bell submitted a detailed list of expenses for the new website.

Old Business:

Nancy Bell gave an update on the new website. The county has issued a credit card that will be used to pay for the website expenditures. \$300 was paid in advance for a three-year program plan. Diane Gaume has finished the major portion of the template layout. Nancy is hoping to get students from a computer lab at Southwestern University to help in transferring information from the old website to the new one.

The survey of historical cemeteries that was done by the WCHC in 1975-1999 will be cross referenced with Wayne Ware's list from 2011. The county GIS manager has also sent Nancy an Excel worksheet of the cemeteries.

Committee Reports:

Marker –

Mickie Ross reported that she has received the inscription for the Christ Lutheran Church marker. We are looking at a possible marker dedication date in October.

P.J. Stevens was contacted by the group of people that are proposing the placement of a plaque to go with the Confederate Soldier Statue. He gave them information about contacting the THC. Mickie also met with the committee today and went over the seven points they want to make.

Cemeteries –

Wayne Ware reported that he was out at the Rices Crossing cemetery. He almost stepped on a snake while there. He has not done much at the cemeteries due to the heat. He will start back when it gets cooler. There are three cemeteries that he has been looking for. One of these is supposed to be about seven miles southwest of Bartlett.

Oral History –

Mickie Ross did an oral history with the Latino people for the museum exhibit and will share it with the WCHC.

Membership/Outreach –

George Schuman reported that he had sold three more memorial bricks.

Infrastructure –

Looking at the construction of sidewalks in Round Rock and Leander (Bagdad Rd./CR 297). There will be meeting with TxDOT on August 23 for a site review of the Austin Avenue Bridges in Georgetown.

Dan Doss was not present to give a report on old county bridges.

New Business:

Nancy Bell attended the THC training workshop for CHC. The THC is coming out with a new CHC guide. She sent the WCHC members a copy of the proposed guidelines via email. The WCHC is under the County Historical Commission Outreach Program.

Announcements:

Mickie Ross reported that the museum is doing a lot of what THC is saying we need to do.

The Williamson Museum has a new art exhibit – Out of the Vault.

There is a new Hispanic exhibit that will open in September.

The museum will be open on the first through fourth Sundays during September.

The new WWI Exhibit will open in April.

This is the 150th Anniversary of the Chisholm Trail.

The Cattleman's Ball will be held on October 15, 2016.

The Dan Moody statue is ready. The museum ornament this year will feature Dan Moody.

The Williamson Museum will be selling a Williamson County Calendar for 2017. 500 are being ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 8.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.