

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on February 11, 2016, in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. David Ciambone served as Chair, in the absence of P.J. Stevens, and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

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

Members present were: Nancy Bell, David Ciambone, Mildred Davis, Dan Doss, Clare Easley, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Lloyd Mattingly, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

There were three guests present: Sandra Giarru and Lana Henley, members of the Albert Sydney Johnston Chapter 105 of the UDC, and Gary Henley a member of the Dixie 502 Chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The Chair invited them to make a presentation on behalf of the Jolly Cemetery. The Chapter will be starting cleanup of the cemetery on Saturday and continue until April 9. There are six citizens of the Republic of Texas buried in this cemetery. The last burial in the cemetery was in 1929. Gary Henley made a replica of the original sign that had deteriorated. They will be celebrating Confederate Memorial Day on April 16, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. They invited the WCHC to join in the cleanup and celebration.

Minutes:

The Chair called for the review of the January 11, 2016 minutes. 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 there is currently \$733.75 in the County Fund and \$10,379.88 in the Program Fund. There are currently no outstanding bills.

Old Business:

The committee is still investigating options for the website. Nancy Bell is gathering information and will check with the THC to see what other county historical commissions are doing.

Committee Reports:

Markers –

Mickie Ross reported that the Taylor-Cooper marker application did not get approval. There are some changes that need to be made to the application. The applications for the Christ Lutheran Church near Noack and the First Baptist Church have been approved. The Baptist Church marker will be placed at the new church on West University Ave., not at the Main Street Church location.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that he cleaned at the Dennison Cemetery two times. While working there his mower blew a piston. He is asking if the WCHC might be able provide a mower for use while doing cleanup. There was discussion concerning this, but no action was taken.

He reported that it looks as though things are moving along with the McNutt Cemetery. The relatives are concerned and it looks like the owners of the land are going to deed the cemetery land to the relatives. They will now be able to proceed with the fence.

Membership –

There was no report.

Infrastructure –

The Chair reported that there is still nothing new concerning the Section 106 agreement. He has not heard anything from Mark Brown.

Dan Doss reported that the old bridge near Coupland on County Road 457 west of Hwy 95 is currently missing the trusses. He shared pictures of the condition of the bridge. There are 18-20 historical bridges in the county. Four of those are endangered.

Oral History –

The committee held a meeting at the Williamson Museum to talk about a focus topic for the oral history interviews. They are getting together again next Tuesday.

The City of Georgetown is conducting a historical resources survey. There are about 1,500 properties that are included in the survey.

New Business:

None

Announcements:

Mickie Ross reported that the Old South Ball was successful, despite the protestors. The Museum is receiving continued support.

Mickie will be speaking at the State Preservation Conference.

Laura Sue Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.