

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on September 8, 2016 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. David Ciambrone served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

Members present were: Nancy Bell, Eloise Brackenridge, David Ciambrone, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Clare Easley, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Col. (Retired) Shelby Little, Lloyd Mattingly, Mickie Ross, George Schuman, Laura Sue Smith, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

There was one guest: Betty Zimmerhanel from Taylor. She was a guest of Clare Easley with concerns about the old iron bridge in the Rowe Valley area.

Minutes:

The Chair called for review of the August 2016 minutes. Nancy Bell moved that the minutes be approved. Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that the current balances are \$8,447.94 in the Historical Program Fund and \$109.75 in the General Fund.

Old Business:

Nancy Bell gave an update on the development of the new website. She has had one training session with Diane Gaume and has gone over the template. She has put in a place for the cemetery part that will be searchable. She is also working on the cemeteries to update the coordinates, which is very time consuming. Nancy will also meet with Bonnie Wilson who has experience with websites and Word Press software.

Committees:

Markers –

Mickie Ross reported that there will be a dedication of the marker for a small Lutheran Church cemetery in early October. She also met for a third time with the group who is proposing a plaque to be placed by the Confederate Soldier statue.

Col. Little inquired about the missing marker for the Jolly Cemetery.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware and Nancy Bell are researching the Bowling/Stiles Cemetery near Bartlett. Someone has been taking the headstones – there is nothing there to see.

The William Buck Cemetery was renamed Williams/Buck Cemetery about two weeks ago. They need to find out who the landowner is.

Membership/Outreach –

George Schuman reported that the City of Georgetown had installed one brick. There are four bricks still on order and he just received an order for three more.

Kandy Dipprey asked for suggestions of where to hold our yearly Christmas Dinner. Several restaurants were mentioned that she will look into.

Infrastructure –

Lloyd Mattingly has no new information concerning the Section 106 Review Agreement.

Update on the old bridge on CR 366 -

Clare Easley reported that the new bridge (known as the Rowe Valley bridge) was constructed in the 1980's. The old bridge, which was built in 1914, has always been referred to as the Easley Bridge. Clare passed out pictures of the bridge which shows a lot of overgrowth that needs to be cleared. Clare will check to see who the new owner of the property is and will look into the cost of maintenance and insurance for the bridge.

New Business:

None

Reports/Announcements:

Mickie Ross represented Williamson County at a meeting about the new World War I: 1917-1924 Exhibit. The first doctor killed in WWI, Dudley Queens, is buried in the Georgetown IOOF Cemetery. He was killed on the boat going over to the war.

The Nuestras Comunidad exhibit at the museum has had a lot of visitors.

The Williamson Museum has a new store.

The dedication of the Dan Moody Statue will be Friday, October 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Laura Sue Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lloyd Mattingly seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.