

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on May 12, 2011, in the District Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, TX. PJ Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

Members present were: Yvonne Beever, Claire Easley, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Lansford, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, P.J. Stevens, and Wayne Ware. Bob Brinkman, an associate member, was present.

There was one guest present: Isaac Lopez, a guest of Marietta Mugford. He gave a brief introduction of himself and his interest in applying for membership in the Historical Commission.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The Chair called for review of the April 2011 minutes. Claire Easley moved to accept the minutes. Gary Spivey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The Chair presented the report in the absence of the Treasurer. The current balance is \$12,594.57. Margie Fullen moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Claire Easley seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business:

The Chair called for an update on the Historical Landmark Surveys. Wayne Ware reported that thirty had been completed and turned in. Bob Brinkman took the remaining printouts to determine which surveys still needed to be completed. Williamson County has the 7th largest number of historical markers in the state of Texas.

The Texas Department of Transportation sent a letter concerning the realignment of FM 1660 through Hutto. They have taken our review and comments concerning historical cemeteries and communities into consideration and have outlined a plan. P.J. Stevens moved that the Williamson County Historical Commission respond that we concur with the findings outlined in the letter from TXDOT. Mickie Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Committee Reports:

Markers –

The Monodale Historical Marker was destroyed (possibly by vandals).

The Negro Fine Arts Historical Marker dedication went very well. The Land Cemetery Marker dedication will be held June 4, probably at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Norman keeps calling Mickie about help with the Norman School marker in Normans Crossing. PJ asked if someone could help.

Cemetery –

Wayne located two more cemeteries, but they ended up being in other counties. He and John Christensen have been out and cleaned up some more cemeteries.

He is still working on locating and listing cemeteries in the database.

Oral History -

Gary Spivey worked with Chuck Biggant on a tape of Liberty Hill history. That tape is now complete and a copy is housed in the Williamson Museum. 120 hours of information and interviews was narrowed down to 28 minutes.

We are in need of a release form for those being interviewed that gives permission for the interview to be published. Gary will look into finding a sample form.

Membership/Outreach –

Kandy Dipprey was not present. PJ reported that Kandy had delivered five or six more bricks to him. Those are awaiting installation by the city. There are still issues with the way in which they are being installed.

Infrastructure –

No report.

Announcements:

The Williamson Museum has been very busy. From Wednesday to Saturday in the first week in May they served about 2600 people in various activities. The new German exhibit opens on June 3.

There were 360 in attendance at 1st Friday in May. The Sun City Dolcimers will perform at 1st Friday in June.

There will be an ice cream social at the courthouse on June 17, as part of the centennial celebration.

There will be a Centennial Celebration of the Courthouse on November 5, 2011, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. There will be something going on each month until then. There is also a new Courthouse ornament available.

Mickie Ross talked about Phillip Gonzales, who is a student at Hopewell Middle School. He would like to attend the Junior Historians camp again this year. The cost of the camp is \$600. The Hopewell Junior Historians are looking for a way to help him earn enough money to go. In the past the WCHC has supported the Hopewell Junior Historians with a contribution. Laura Sue Smith moved that the WCHC support the Hopewell Middle School Junior Historians with a \$100 contribution to be used as needed. Marietta Mugford seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Liberty Hill Cemetery Association will host its annual barbecue on the first Sunday in June.

Laura Sue Smith's next door neighbor, Thomas Bohanon, will be 101 years old. He is currently residing at the Riverhaven Nursing Center.

PJ Stevens proposed that there be no meeting in June. We will meet again in July.

Meeting adjourned – 5:05 p.m.