

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on July 12, 2012, 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 4:04 p.m.

Members present were: Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Claire Easley, Winnann Ewing, Margie Fullen, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, George Myer, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Stevens, and Wayne Ware.

There were three guests present: Kevin Klaus, Barbara Pate, Elroy Haverlah.

The Chair called for review of the May 2012 (There was no meeting in June.). Ed Lansford moved to approve the minutes. Mickie Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that there was one bill for \$60 and \$100 was received from the memorial brick sales. The current balance is \$14,361.18. Kandy Dipprey moved that we accept the treasurer's report. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business:

In a previous meeting there was a discussion of the purchase of memorial bricks for the WCHC members who have passed away recently. Those recent deaths include: Ruth Olson, Larry Rydell, and Elsie Waller. After some discussion, David Voelter moved that the WCHC purchase memorial bricks to honor those members who have passed away since the memorial brick sales began in 2009. Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The subject of a WCHC banner was brought back on the table. Winnann Ewing will work on the logo that will be used and check on costs and will bring back more information at the next meeting.

New Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Markers –

Mickie Ross reported that the list of possible topics for historical markers is due to the Texas Historical Commission by July 31, 2012. The actual marker applications will be out at a later date.

The text for the Under Told Stories Marker for the Klan Trials is being worked on.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that the Boy Scouts had worked on cleanup of the Rice's Crossing Cemetery last year. The cemetery is grown up again and is in need of cleaning.

He suggested that the cleanup of cemeteries would be a good project for Eagle Scouts.

The Anderson Cemetery located on FM 3405 near the Ronald Reagan crossover is a possible location for a project. However, this cemetery is located on private property.

He and John Christeson are waiting for cooler weather for further cleanup of cemeteries.

Oral History –

Gary Spivey was not present, but Wayne Ware reported that he is getting more of the Lissian Gohlson transcript done.

So far, three oral history transcriptions have been completed.

Winnann Ewing and Mickie Ross attended the Area County Historical Commission Meeting on June 21, 2012 at Apache Pass in Milam County. Winnann gave a report on the meeting. At the meeting, members from the Milam, Brazos, Burleson, Travis and Williamson county historical commissions shared information about their projects, activities and resources. They also talked about the challenges facing the historical commissions and legislative issues. There was a question of future meetings: How often? When? Where next? It was suggested that the next meeting be held in Williamson County.

Membership/Outreach –

Kandy Dipprey reported that she had just received 19 memorial bricks from the Acme brick company.

She also reported that our application to participate in the Sun City Non-Profits Fair has been approved. The fair is being held Friday, October 26, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Announcements –

P.J. Stevens reported that he had received a thank-you note from the Taylor Heritage Society for our contribution/membership.

Mickie Ross shared that the next big exhibit for the Williamson Museum will be the WWII in Williamson County exhibit that will open in May.

The Dan Moody play will be performed again in the Williamson Courthouse in September.

The Up the Chisholm Trail Cattleman's Ball will be held Friday, October 19, 2012.

Kevin Klaus, one of our guests present, works for the Texas General Land Office as a historical researcher. He is very interested in preserving Texas history. He and the two other guests present are interested in preserving the Kenny's Fort site in the Palm Valley area of Round Rock. He told us some history about the fort and its' importance during that time to Williamson County. There is a historical marker for the fort that sits on Hwy 79 near Dell Diamond. The site itself is located on property that is being developed by a private developer. It is located across the highway from the Palm Valley Church. All that remains on the site is a flag and a granite marker that had a bronze plaque attached. The plaque is now missing from the marker. They are hoping to get the developers to preserve the site as an interpretative park. They would like the support of the WCHC in pursuing this project.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock