

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 4:00 P.M., in the District Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, TX. Chris Dyer served as Chair and Clare Easley, Secretary was absent so P.J. Stevens filled in as Secretary.

Members present were: Chris Dyer, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, George Meyer, Larry Rydell, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, Mervin Walker, Tommy Walker, Wayne Ware, and Nelma Wilkinson. Guests present were: Diane Goodwin.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Gary Spivey moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting. David Voelter 2nd. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

David Voelter gave the treasurer's report. Said he will clean up the "unassigned" items before the next meeting. Chris Dyer moved to accept the treasurer's report as information, Milton Liese 2nd. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Markers – Texas Historical Commission closed the application period for 2009. The Norman House has recently applied for a historical marker. Chris Dyer motioned for the WCHC to pay the \$100 application fee for the Norman House marker. Larry Rydell 2nd. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Oral History – No Report

Cemetery – No Report – (Larry Quick, Cemetery Committee Chair, was absent because his wife was ill)

Membership Outreach

A) Chris reported that he and Kandy were still working on the Memorial Brick Program. The City is receptive to the idea, but they are still coordinating details.

B) Laura Sue Smith asked whether or not it was appropriate for the WCHC to buy a membership in the Williamson Museum. Questions arose: 1. Would it then be a precedent requiring membership in all county museums? 2. Are there any conflicts in

doing this? 3. How should we reimburse for expenses incurred by the Williamson Museum when they help with notices? 4. Voelter read from a list of other memberships we have purchased. There was some lengthy discussion. Nelma Wilkinson motioned to table the membership issue indefinitely, Wayne Ware 2nd. Motion failed (Chris Dyer abstained). George Meyer motioned that WCHC should reimburse the Williamson Museum for expenses incurred for meeting notices, etc. Ed Lansford 2nd. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote. (Chris Dyer abstained).

Marker Report – Ed Lansford has finished photo copying old clippings in historical files for preservation and continues his work on organizing the WCHC files.

Announcements:

Chris Dyer announced that February 5 is the opening date for the “Fighting Back” exhibit at the Williamson Museum and invited the WCHC membership to attend.

Wayne Ware – Asked members to visit the cemetery page on our website which includes a video and write up of the Hopewell Cemetery work. WCHC had a good turnout at the ceremony honoring the work of Hopewell school that sponsors the cemetery. P.J. Stevens, Wayne Ware, George Meyer, Larry Rydell and Chris Dyer all attended.

Larry Rydell announced that Clare Maxwell has stepped down as Taylor Heritage and Conservation Society.

Chris Dyer - Hutto centennial celebration set for July 2011.

Nelma Wilkinson - 3rd Saturday in February (20th) is a presentation at the Williamson County Courthouse honoring Three Legged Willie at 10:00 am.

Meeting Adjourned – 4:39 p.m.