

## **Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission**

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on August 9, 2012, in the Williamson Museum at 716 S. Austin Avenue, Georgetown, Texas. P. J. Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Members present were: Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, P. J. Stevens, Mervin Walker, and Wayne Ware.

There were no guests present.

The Chair called for review of the July 2012 minutes. There was one correction to the minutes. A name was left out of those present. Winnann Ewing moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mildred Davis reported that the current balance is \$14, 246.51. Winnann Ewing moved to accept the treasurer's report. Milton Liese seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

- a. Update on budget presentation to Commissioner's Court – P. J. went to the commissioner's court on the budget. Ashlie Blaylock was under the misconception that the WCHC was under the Williamson Museum and not a separate entity for the purpose of funding.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

P.J. Stevens organized a small strategic planning committee to look at long-range planning for the WCHC. The committee met prior to the regular August meeting of the WCHC. The committee will be looking at creating a mission statement and setting goals for the WCHC.

The committee will meet again in September in lieu of the regular WCHC meeting. They will report back at the October regular meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Markers –**

Mickie Ross reported that she had turned in four marker names to the Texas Historical Commission. The Our Lady of the Guadalupe in Taylor application is close to being finished.

The Dan Moody Klan Trail Marker has been signed off on. The cost will be about \$2000.

### **Cemetery –**

Wayne Ware reported that cemetery clean-ups are ongoing. The clean up of the Anderson Cemetery by Gary Boyd's Boy Scout troop is set for late September with approval of the landowners.

Wayne reported that the cost for a fence, gate and plaque for the McNutt Cemetery would be \$500-\$600. This site is a state and county site.

Wayne indicated that there is another Boy Scout troop that is interested in working on cemeteries.

Wayne will work with the City Parks Department on getting markers for the Old Georgetown Cemetery and IOOF Cemetery.

He has also gotten four Civil War marker for various cemeteries.

### **Membership/Outreach –**

P.J. Stevens talked to the city concerning the delay in the installation of bricks that have been received. He was informed that it would be about 1 ½ months before they could be installed.

P.J. received a thank you letter from the family of Larry Rydell for the brick that the WCHC purchased in his memory. Kandy Dipprey received a thank you from the Elsie Waller family for the one that was purchased in her memory.

### **Infrastructure –**

P. J. Stevens received a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation concerning the replacement of the bridge at Opossum Creek on FM 972 in Williamson County.. According to TxDOT, the bridge did not meet the criteria for statewide significance. After some discussion it was determined that the bridge has no historical significance. Gary Spivey moved that the WCHC concurs that the bridge does not have any

local/regional historical significance. Mervyn Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote. P.J. will sign off on the letter of concurrence.

**Announcements –**

Mickie Ross reported that the Dan Moody play scheduled for September has been cancelled.

The Cattleman's Ball will be held in conjunction with the Chisholm Trail Days. Dan Schertner will be honored as Cattleman of the Year.

Mickie received a call from a family in Russell Park. They were doing some landscaping and found about 1000 artifacts.

The Taylor Public Library's photo display at the Williamson Museum will start in September.

Our next meeting will be held October 11, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock