

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson Historical Commission was held on January 12, 2012, in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street Georgetown, TX. PJ Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

Members present were: Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Claire Easley, Margie Fullen, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Lansford, George Myer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, P. J. Stevens, David Voelter, Mervin Walker and Wayne Ware.

There was one guest present. Winnann Ewing was a guest of Laura Sue Smith. Winnann is interested in becoming a member of the WCHC

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

The Chair called for the review of the November 2011 minutes. Ed Lansford moved to accept the minutes. Laura Sue Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that the current balance is \$12,571.70. Kandy Dipprey moved to accept the treasurer's report. Gary Spivey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Chair presented a letter from the National Trust for Historic Preservation concerning membership in their organization. The dues for the year would be \$24.00. Kandy Dipprey moved that we participate in membership in this organization. Mickie Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Mickie will also look into other organizations in which the WCHC might be involved.

Old Business –

There was no old business.

New Business –

The City of Georgetown is working on an application for the San Gabriel Park to be designated as a Lone Star Legacy Park. This is a national designation. They sent a letter to the WCHC asking for our support of the application. Because of the short timeline, the Chair has already sent a letter. The WCHC members were in agreement with the support.

Markers –

Mickie Ross had three calls today concerning historical markers.

She received notice that two markers have already been approved for 2012: The Baptist Church of Taylor and the Machu Cemetery.

The historical designation of the Cook Cemetery is going in.

Mr. Norman is still asking for someone to write the application for the Norman School marker.

There is a 1936 Centennial Marker, made of pink granite with a star on it, that was removed by TXDOT when the rest stop was closed near FM 1431. Discussion was had concerning where that marker might be placed. One suggestion was an area outside the Mighty Fine Restaurant where there is an outdoor eating area. There are other sandwich shops in the same strip of businesses. This location is just off University Boulevard in Round Rock, not far from where it was originally placed.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware and John Christensen are working on cleaning the McNutt Cemetery. At some point they will work on fixing the broken tombstones. The cemetery also needs to be fenced. The McNutt Cemetery is located just off Hwy 79 west of SH 130. A marker for Robert McNutt is located in this cemetery.

He has also inspected a couple of other cemeteries.

The Oliver Cemetery historical cemetery designation has been turned in and approved. Margie Fullen spoke with Ben Oliver, who lives in Old Town Georgetown. His brother is working on his family genealogy and would like to know more about the Olivers in the area. However, he is not related to anyone in the Oliver Cemetery.

Oral History –

Gary Spivey reported that the transcription of the Leroy Fenstermaker interview is complete.

The next interview that the WCHC would like see transcribed, is that of J.C. Johnson. Wayne Ware moved that we spend up \$150 on the transcription of the oral interview of J.C. Johnson. Laura Sue Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Gary also reported that he had sent a grant application to Baylor University. This is a community grant. He included all the school districts in the county in the application. The grant is for \$2,500. The grant provides for the transcription of oral histories.

Membeship/Ourtreach –

Kandy Dipprey reported that she had received nine new brick orders since Christmas. She credits these orders to an article that was run in the Austin American-Statesman newspaper right before Christmas.

Infrastructure –

There was nothing to report.

Announcements –

Mickie Ross said that there are Williamson Museum commemorative ornaments still available. The cost is now \$15.00.

Marietta Mugford shared that since the article came out about her home, she has had people contacting her to come speak at meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock.