

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on October 11, 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 4:05 p.m.

Members present were: Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Clare Easley, Winnann Ewing, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, Marietta Mugford, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

There were no guests present.

The Chair reported that Gary Spivey has moved out of the county and has been moved to associate member status.

The Chair called for review of the August 2012 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 \$13,876.67. The check for the Sun City Non-profit Fair was returned.

Kandy Dipprey moved that we accept the treasurer's report. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Markers –

There was no report due to the absence of Mickie Ross.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that he has been doing more clean up of cemeteries, since it has gotten cooler.

The Eagle Scouts finally received permission from the land owner to clear trees and other debris at the Anderson Cemetery. John Christensen and he will go back out to repair the broken tombstones.

The Cook Cemetery marker is still not up.

The family with the Lawrence Chapel Cemetery received an estimate of \$800 to move the obelisk from the old site to the new site. Laura Sue Smith moved that we donate \$100 toward the cost of moving the obelisk. Wayne Ware seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Robert McNutt Cemetery has been cleaned up and trees cut. There is one tombstone that needs to be repaired. A fence is still needed and Wayne will get an exact cost of what it will cost.

There is another Eagle Scout that is working on getting the okay to clean at the Rice's Crossing and Circleville cemeteries.

Oral History –

Wayne Ware reported that the Lillian Gohson oral history transcription needs to be turned into a narrative that reads better. Winnann Ewing will work on that.

The Chair asked if Wayne and Winnann would put together some kind of training for everyone on the WCHC on conducting oral history interviews.

Membership/Outreach –

Kandy Dipprey reported that the Sun City Non-profit Fair that was scheduled for October had been cancelled. The next one is scheduled for February 8 and another on October 4, 2013.

Kandy Dipprey moved that we pay the \$40 fee to participate in the February event. Laura Sue Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous.

Kandy reported that there are eight bricks that have not been received from the Acme Brick Company. P. J. stated that he still has bricks that the city has not had time to install.

Kandy contacted Veronica at the Williamson County Sun and our meeting is now listed in the newspaper.

P.J. Stevens received a reminder from the Texas Historical Commission of the calendar of things that are coming up. 2013 is the official appointment year for new appointees. From October to December the counties can make appointments and reappointments.

January is when the surveys of volunteer hours and annual reports are due to the THC. The THC's annual reports will be sent out during the March-April timeframe.

There was discussion about a form to be used for tracking and reporting volunteer hours. Margie Fullen has a form that was used several years ago. She will send a copy of it to the Chair.

Infrastructure –

The Chair received an e-mail communication from the Texas Department of Transportation on September 25. It was concerning the right of way work at the corner of 6th Street and HWY 487 in Jarrell. There is a proposal to rehabilitate the roadway, add shoulders and extend culverts on FM 487 between IH 35W and the Bell County line. The property in question is a 1964 home that is not National Register of Historic Places eligible. TxDOT was asking for a quick turn-around of concurrence from the WCHC, therefore, the Chair e-mailed the request to the members of the WCHC. Hearing no objection from the members, the Chair responded that the WCHC concurred with the findings of TxDOT of no historic properties being affected.

There was discussion at the meeting regarding TxDOT's short turn around of this request.

New Business:

P.J. Stevens highlighted some of the results of the visioning committee meeting that was held in September.

- . The Chair needs more interaction with the Williamson Commissioners Court.
- . The Chair needs to make his annual report to the Commissioners Court around May or June. He would like to have a WCHC member presence at the meeting when his report is given.
- . Create an historical coalition. Get the surrounding county historical commissions and city historical groups together. Mickie Ross is putting this together – possibly meeting each month with one representative from each historical group.
- . Make sure there is an inventory list of everything historical in the county in case of a disaster. What do we save first?
- . What is the WCHC selling?
 1. Oral history
 2. Cemeteries – maintenance
 3. Historical markers
 4. Maintaining a database of all historical cemeteries and landmarks
 5. Education and interaction with local schools

. Need better communication

Announcements:

The Zion Lutheran Church in Walburg will have its annual Sausage Festival on the first Monday in November.

The next WCHC meeting will be November 8, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock