

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on September 8, 2011, in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, TX. PJ Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

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

Larry Rydell will be moved to associate member status, due to his absence from more than two meetings.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

There were no guests present.

The Chair called for review of the July 2011 minutes. Margie Fullen noted one correction. Ed Lansford moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that the current balance is \$12,588.95. Claire Easley moved to accept the treasurer's report. Mickie Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

It was brought to the attention of the commission that, according to the by-laws, all checks issued should have approval of the membership.

Old Business:

Mildred Davis presented the proposed budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Kandy Dipprey moved that we adopt the proposed budget. Laura Sue Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Chair reminded the members that the budget process should start with the budget committee in February and discussion by the members in March. The budget should be ready to present to the County Commissioners Court in April.

Claire Easley gave a report on the repair at the AME Church, to which the commission had made a donation. She said that the church has been painted, the roof repaired, and windows replaced. They are in need of an additional \$1000 to build a new ramp.

New Business:

The Chair stated that he needed summary reports for the past year from the committee chairs. He will include these in his annual report to the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

The discussion of the reappointment of members was tabled.

Committee Reports:**Markers –**

Mickie Ross reported that the historical designation for the Machu Cemetery has been completed. They will now need to apply for the historical marker.

The Round Rock marker dedication will be held on October 1, 2011, at 4:30 p.m., with a ribbon cutting at the Main Street Plaza (across from the library). PJ will let them know that Wayne Ware, Mickie Ross, and George Meyer will represent the WCHC at the ceremony.

Mickie will look into having the county reinstall the Monodale Cemetery marker that was vandalized.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that he has completed the roster of cemeteries in the county. Most of them can be found on the internet on the findagrave.com website.

He is also working on getting some of the cemeteries registered as historical cemeteries – specifically the Old Georgetown Cemetery.

Oral History –

Gary Spivey reported that he had not conducted any new interviews.

He will get in contact with someone to see if we can get started on the oral history transcriptions. He noted that one hour of interviews takes about 30 hours to transcribe.

Membership/Outreach –

Kandy Dipprey thanked Wayne Ware for updating the memorial brick order form on the website to reflect the needed changes in wording. The acknowledgement letter has also been updated.

Kandy reported that she had received six new brick orders. There is one brick that needs to be replaced because it was broken during installation and one that was lost.

Acme brick has volunteered to replace the brick for which a family had placed a complaint. The Chair will notify the family that the brick is being replaced.

Infrastructure –

Nothing to report.

Announcements –

Mickie Ross reminded everyone of the Up the Chisholm Trail celebration to be held October 15 in the San Gabriel Park. There will be a chuck wagon barbeque cook-off along with a chuck wagon lunch that can be purchased. A barbeque dinner can also be purchased at the Community Center.

She also relayed that the Williamson Museum has had to cut back on employees and hours, because of a decrease in funding. Mickie encouraged those who are not already museum members to send in their application or renew their membership if they have not already done so. P. J. Stevens moved that the WCHC purchase a membership at the \$100 level. Wayne Ware seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote. The treasurer will submit a check for the WCHC membership.

Margie Fullen reminded us about the Big Bend Archeological Conference that will be held in November in Alpine and the Texas State Historical Association Conference to be held in Austin in March.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock