

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on Thursday, February 11, 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 served as Secretary.

Members present were: Bob Brinkman, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Chris Dyer, Clare Easley, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Larry Quick, Larry Rydell, Gary Spivey, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware. Guests present were: Sarah Tober, Barbara Glasscock, and Diane Goodwin. Yvonne Beever called and was having car trouble, so was not able to attend the meeting.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and opened the floor to Sarah Tober, President of the Hutto 1911 Foundation. Tober shared the goals of the group, which is focused on the preservation of Hutto's history and heritage. Other goals are to preserve the historic downtown Hutto Commercial District and the structures within. Next year, their goal is to make citizens aware of the historic nature of Hutto. July 2011 there will be a centennial celebration in Hutto. Ms. Tober asked the WCHC membership to consider contributing funding or volunteer time to the celebration. Dyer thanked Tober for her efforts and recommended that she visit with Larry Rydell, who is a long time Hutto area resident. Dyer invited Tober or any members of the Foundation to attend future WCHC meetings and urged WCHC members to get involved with the Foundation.

Dyer also welcomed guests Barbara Glasscock and Diane Goodwin (both are currently petitioning to become new WCHC members).

Dyer called for review of the January 14, 2010 WCHC minutes. David Voelter moved to approve the minutes with the addition of Ed Lansford to properly reflect that Ed was one of those in attendance at the January meeting. Kandy Dipprey seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

David Voelter gave the treasurer's report. \$10,998.68 is the current balance. Chris Dyer moved to accept the treasurer's report as information, PJ Stevens 2nd. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Markers – Dyer reported that historical markers have been formally approved for Land Cemetery in Jarrell and the Norman House near Norman’s Crossing.

Cemetery – Larry Quick reported that there are names for 275 cemeteries in Williamson County listed on various map resources, but not all may be viable. He is working with the Texas Department of Transportation to gain access to all government databases, of which there are four, and collate this information into one usable database. Once completed, the group plans to place the map on www.williamson-historical-commission.org for individual use.

Oral History – Bob Brinkman reported that the group has invited William McWhorter from the THC to train members of the committee on how to properly conduct oral history interviews. Focus topics of the initial WCHC interviews will remain narrow at first and will include consolidation of schools, Flood of 1920s and 1950s, and the construction of I-35. The group will also interview older county residents as the opportunities come up so that their stories are not lost. Also, the group will focus on getting Gary Spivey’s extensive wire recording and VHS oral history collection into a digital/usable format.

Membership Outreach – Dipprey reported that the committee did not meet last month. She said that the memorial bricks sold will likely be placed on the southwest corner of the courthouse sidewalk. Dyer reported that the city has agreed to lay bricks in groups of 5-10. Dyer is working with the City of Georgetown to find the right size/color of bricks.

Announcements:

On February 27, there is a chili supper at the Jonah School. The school is historic and designed by the state architect for schools.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clare Easley, Secretary