

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

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on August 14, 2014, 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 4:00 p.m.

Members present were: Mildred Davis, Dan Doss, Clare Easley, Winnann Ewing, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Barbara Glasscock, Milton Liese, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Steven, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

The Chair called for review of the June 2014 minutes. Mickie Ross moved that the minutes be approved. David Voelter seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

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

Mildred presented the treasurer's report. The bank statement balance as of July 31, 2014 is \$11,790.52. There is an outstanding check for the new laptop computer and associated software in the amount of \$475.67. The current checkbook balance is \$11,314.85. David Voelter moved that the treasurer's report be approved. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The new computer is an HP Windows 8. The serial number is CND4200YPP.

The Chair and Mildred Davis met with Ashley from the County Commissioner's office. She suggested that they meet with each commissioner individually to present the WCHC budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Each of them seemed supportive of the \$3000 that is being requesting from the county.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Membership/Outreach –**

Kandy Dipprey was not in attendance.

The Chair reported that there are three members who are resigning from the WCHC. Ed Lansford has resigned to spend more time on some personal projects. Lou and Margie Fullen are resigning because they are moving to the Houston area.

#### **Markers –**

Mickie Ross reported that the marker applications are available for the current year. Applications for the Norman's Crossing and IOOF cemeteries are in the works.

Applications for the First Baptist Church (now Main Street Baptist) and the Johnson/Olmquist house are also in the works.

The Klan Trial marker dedication will be held on September 9, at 9:00 a.m., prior to the County Commissioner's meeting. The marker will be installed beside the Sheriff Matysek statue.

#### **Cemetery –**

Wayne Ware received an email from the Williamson County Sheriff's department concerning a broken marker on AW Grimes Blvd. He is working with them in getting it replaced.

He does not have an answer on the fence for the McNutt Cemetery. They may need to scale back on the type of fence because of the cost.

He went out to the Cook cemetery and did some work, but is waiting for cooler weather to do much more.

#### **Oral History –**

P.J. Stevens reported that he has an interview with Ed Lansford tomorrow. Laura Sue Smith will be next.

Winnann reported that she has completed the narrative of the Esther Weir interview. She has also done an interview with Scott Williams who is a dentist.

#### **Infrastructure –**

The Chair received a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation concerning a project that may result in the replacement of the existing bridge over Willis Creek on SH 95 in Williamson County. The bridge was constructed in 1951. The bridge is not listed in the database of the State's Historic Bridge inventory. TxDOT is asking the WCHC to notify them if the bridge is significant at the local or regional level.

After review of the information, Winnann Ewing moved to confirm with TxDOT that the bridge has no local or regional significance. Milton Liese seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

#### **New Business:**

The Chair reminded the WCHC that January 2015 is when new members are appointed and any position changes are made. Please be thinking about anyone that could be recommended for membership.

**Announcements:**

Mickie Ross reminded us of the new art exhibit that is opening at the Williamson Museum. The focus is Arts Past & Present.

She asked for any assistance by providing yarn projects for the Yarn Bomb of the Courthouse September 11-17, 2014.

The Williamson Museum will be open on Sundays starting in September.

She also shared a list of Williamson County Historical Projects that are ongoing and a list of future plans for the museum

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.