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Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on **May 13, 2010** in the District Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, TX. PJ Stevens served as Chair and Clare Easley served as Secretary.

Members present were: Yvonne Beever, Kandy Dipprey, Clare Mashburn, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Landsford, George Myer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, PJ Stevens, David Voelter, Mervin Walker, Tommy Walker, Wayne Ware, Nelma Wilkinson.

Guests present: Dianne Goodwin, J.C. Johnson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

The Chair called for review of the April 2010 WCHC minutes. David asked to change the wording in the paragraph under Cemeteries on page two to read “do not take care of” instead of “do not care for” for clarity. Laura Sue Smith moved to approve the minutes. Mervin Walker seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer’s Report:

Mervin Walker moved to accept the treasurer’s report as reported by David Voelter, Wayne Ware 2nd. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

PJ Stevens officially announced his appointment as the new Chair replacing Chris Dyer; Barbara Glasscock and Mickie Ross were approved by Commissioner’s Court as new WCHC members, and Larry Quick has resigned from the WCHC. As a result, a few committee assignments have changed. Wayne Ware will replace Larry Quick as Cemetery committee chairman and Gary Spivey will replace Wayne as chairman of the Oral History committee. Mickie Ross was named chairman of the Markers committee.

Committee Reports:

Markers –

Mickie announced that the Rocky Hollow marker had arrived at the museum and is ready for installation. A dedication is pending and the commission will be informed of the time and date.

Cemetery –

Work is continuing on cemetery location and verification.

Oral History –

Not much has been done to date on this committee. Gary will begin gathering a list of critical potential interviewees (prioritized by age). All WCHC members were encouraged to submit names by the next meeting. Subjects for interview topics include schools, floods and roads (IH-35).

Membership Outreach –

Kandy announced that the order form for the brick program is on the web site and are available at the museum. Mickie and Kandy will prepare a press release for article in the Williamson County Sun. A few orders have been received (approx. 5) so far. A photo with the County Commissioners and Judge will be scheduled to publish in the paper and help raise the interest.

Announcements:

Kandy was thanked for picking up the appetizer tab at the April meeting and refused our offer to reimburse her.

The Commission expressed its condolences to Milton Liese in the passing of his brother, Clarence.

Mervin Walker invited all to the 100th birthday party of Thomas Bohanan in Weir on May 15, 2:00.

The first Sunday in June, Liberty Hill Cemetery Association will hold its annual celebration. All are invited.

Special Guest, JC Johnson, spoke to the commissioners to give a history of the “Old Georgetown Cemetery” which has also been referred to as the “Black Cemetery”. The state historical survey of 1862 marked the cemetery. A road was put through in 1953. The whites were buried on the east side and the blacks were buried on the west side. Families such as the Milams and Wallbargers are buried there. Two plots are cemented over. There are 85 discernible graves, 63 with stones. Many tombstones were wooden and have disintegrated. In 2000, the city hired a firm to restore the cemetery for \$14,000. It was poorly done. The cemetery was in use from 1840 to 1902.

Mr. Johnson’s history account was captured on recorder by Wayne Ware for use in the Oral History records.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clare Easley, Secretary