

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on February 10, 2011, in the District Courtroom of 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: Yvonne Beever, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Claire Easley, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, George Myer, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, PJ Stevens, Larry Rydell, Wayne Ware, Mervin Walker, and Tommy Walker.

Guests present: Kendell McCurley, who is in the 4th grade in Pflugerville. She is the granddaughter of Gary Spivey.

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

The Chair called for review of the January 2011 WCHC minutes. Corrections were called for. Kandy Dipprey moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Laura Sue Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that there was an interest deposit of \$476. The current balance is \$12,738.75. Two signatures are now required for checks that are written: the Chair (PJ Stevens) and the Treasurer (Mildred Davis).

Discussion was had concerning the formation of a finance committee. PJ made a motion that the WCHC form a finance committee, made up of four members to include the chairman and the treasurer, to meet no less than twice a year to look over the bank statements. George Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Chair nominated Kandy Dipprey and Yvonne Beever to serve as the additional members. George Myer seconded the nomination. The Finance Committee was approved by unanimous hand vote.

It was brought to the commissions attention that there are old financial documents that are being stored at the Williamson Museum. Mildred Davis will check with Diane Gray to see if the old documents should be destroyed.

There was also discussion concerning to whom the bank statements should be mailed. Mildred will look into the cost of renting a post office box where WCHC correspondence can be received. The Chair would be responsible for picking up the mail. The WCHC will vote on the rental of the box at the March meeting.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

The Chair was required to fill out a survey for the Texas Historical Commission by February 1, 2011. That survey included volunteer hours of the WCHC. He was able to figure those hours fairly closely, but would like all of the members to keep track of their volunteer hours and report those to him prior to next year's survey.

The subject of funds to the THC being cut by the state legislature was brought up. Laura Sue Smith will look into how and to whom the WCHC should send a letter lobbying for the THC funding.

The THC is conducting an inventory of all Texas Historical Sites in each county of the state. They want to know the condition of these sites. PJ was sent forms and a CD. Wayne Ware will look at the CD and see which members can help by looking at and photographing the historical sites in their area of the county. Those who return their reports by May 31, 2011, will receive a free marker.

Committee Reports:**Markers –**

There was no report. Mickie Ross was not present.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that he and two others met at the Old Georgetown Cemetery to survey the damage being done by trees growing up around the headstones. There are also two or three stones that are disintegrating because the restoration that was done some time ago was not done properly. Cement was used and does not allow for expansion with temperature changes,

Wayne also located two or three more cemeteries (Law and Gardner) almost in Lee County. He also found the remains of the old pauper cemetery in Georgetown. There are no markers. Gary Spivey also found more cemeteries in Liberty Hill.

The Hopewell Junior Historians will come back to the meeting to report on the results of their research of the Union Hill Cemetery.

Oral History –

Gary Spivey and Wayne Ware have been working on the oral histories. Gary is asking for help that the members can give with finding persons and conducting interviews. He is scheduling an interview with Elroy Faust and Pete Kauffman together. He also scheduled to meet with Bill and Joyce Burden.

Wayne shared some pictures that he had of buildings in Liberty Hill.

Membership/Outreach -

Kandy Dipprey reported that she had picked up five more brick orders. The brick sales will be an on-going project. When Market Days on the square begin again, we will be able to share a booth with the Williamson Museum.

Infrastructure -

No report

Announcements –

On Friday, February 18, 2011 – 5:00-8:00 p.m., the Jonah Community Center will host a Chili Supper. The Czech Chorus from Taylor will perform during the supper.

A book on Taylor history, by Irene Michna, will be available soon.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock