

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

Chairman Chris Dyer called a regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission to order at 2:32 PM on Thursday, June 4, 2009, in the 2nd floor conference room of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, Texas. **Members** present were Chairman Chris Dyer, Interim Secretary Margie Fullen, Lou Fullen, Kandy Dipprey, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, Marietta Mugford, Larry Rydell, Gary Spivey, David Voelter, Wayne Ware, and Nelma Wilkinson. Also present was **Associate Member** Bob Brinkman. The following **Visitors** were introduced by the Chair: Claire Maxwell, George Meyer, Larry Quick, and Patrick (P. J.) Stevens.

The **Minutes** of the May, 2009, meeting were approved as printed and distributed. The motion for approval was made by Kandy Dipprey and seconded by David Voelter. The **Treasurer's Report** was distributed and explained to those present and was accepted and filed by the Chairman.

The content of the Williamson County Historical Commission (WCHC) collection, a matter of **Old Business**, was reported by Ed Lansford. He has been working since 2007 to the present time on an inventory of WCHC holdings. Lansford reviewed the history of the collection which was brought in 2003 from several locations to the museum and stored separately from the Museum holdings. He stated that about 20% of the Commission property consisted of marker files and the remainder included incomplete minutes of meetings, an incomplete set of Newsletters, and a collection of scrapbooks from 1979 to 2000. Lansford distributed a "Plan B" suggesting proposed division of the holdings to the Williamson Museum and to the WCHC. The Williamson Museum holdings would be those most likely to be used for research and the WCHC holdings the information pertaining to the Commission and not of interest to the usual researcher. The Chair asked Commission members to review "Plan B" (on file) and to be prepared to vote on it in July. A discussion of the content of the material followed.

In terms of **New Business** Chairman Dyer asked members to refer to the groups previously referred to as Task Forces as Committees. He distributed a list (on file) of five committees with the name of the Committee Chair, the names of members who had already indicated a preference for each Committee, and a list of responsibilities for each Committee. The five

Committees are Historical Marker, Membership, Cemetery, Outreach, and Oral History. The list was circulated for members to indicate their choices of which Committee(s) they wished to join. A discussion followed about ways to meet people who live in various communities of Williamson County. A Museum sponsored trip to visit a Gault Museum was announced for July 24.

The **Committee Report** from the Marker Committee urged members to attend marker dedications to give the Commission more visibility in the communities. Members were also asked to consider writing applications for significant places in the county such as the Negro Fine Arts School and the location of the trial Dan Moody won against the Klan which had certain implications for the nation.

Announcements included:

- Sunday, June 7 from 2:00 until 5:00, the Moody Museum in Taylor will celebrate Gov. Dan Moody's birthday.
- Wednesday, June 7, the Museum Salon at Wildfire will discuss green building.
- On 1st Sunday the Liberty Hill Cemetery Association will host a Barbecue from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.
- The next meeting of WCHC will be July 9, 2009, at 4 PM at the Williamson County Courthouse.

Adjournment was at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Margie Fullen
Interim Secretary