

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

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on **Thursday, March 5, 2009** in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, Texas. Chris Dyer served as Chair and Bob Brinkman, upon request of the Chair, served as interim secretary. Members attending were: Bob Brinkman, Kandy Dipprey, Chris Dyer, Nancy Faulkner, Edwin Lansford, Marietta Mugford, Larry Rydell, Laura Sue Smith, Irene Varan, David Voelter, Mervin Walker, Elsie Waller, Wayne Ware, Nelma Wilkinson. Guests in attendance were: George Meyer and Larry Quick.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. New members were introduced: Kandy Dipprey and Nancy Faulkner, as well as guests George Meyer and Larry Quick.

The minutes from the Feb. 5, 2009 meeting were read. Mervin Walker moved to accept the minutes. Ed Lansford seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed.

David Voelter read the Treasurer's report, noting a contribution of \$315 in memory of Ed McCann and \$36.97 in interest, bringing the total balance to \$351.97.

### **Old Business:**

**Item A:** Wayne Ware reported updates to the Williamson County Historical Commission website. The Round Rock Library photo links have changed, and Wayne plans to bring a laptop to scan photos. Most markers in Georgetown have been updated, need to find more.

### **New Business:**

**Item A:** Ed Lansford reported on the Williamson County Historical Commission Bylaws Task Force. The WCHC's bylaws originated in 1986 and were last amended in 2005. Committee members Lansford, Chris Dyer, Bob Brinkman and Irene Varan noted the following changes:

- Some significant changes were turned over to the Williamson County Judge and Williamson County Attorney.
- The Williamson County Attorney version doesn't change the content of the Committee's suggestions appreciably.
- Membership shall be composed of at least 7 Williamson County residents.
- Interested persons may serve as associate members if residing outside Williamson County.
- There should be a clear division of labor between the WCHC and Williamson Museum, with the WCHC focusing on markers, cemeteries, recommendations to Commissioners Court for acquisition of historical properties.
- Definition of a quorum – Half of the membership and two officers present.
- Fifth officer – Historical Marker Chair.

Chris Dyer will send out notification to membership at least 2 weeks before next meeting. Comments on suggested amendments: David Voelter discussed special consideration for others

not residing in Williamson County. Edwin Lansford suggested altering the wording to reflect “a minimum of 6 general meetings of the WCHC per year.”

**Item B:** Chris Dyer reported on the Williamson County Historical Commission Budget Task Force. \$13,391.83 is the balance. The goal is to spend money; more than \$3,000 will remain. Awards include \$200 to Junior Historians, or other groups such as 4-H and Boy Scouts (Youth Project Award). \$1,000 to cemetery maps. Discussion of oral history project at Southwestern University. Advertising/promotion – Texas Historical Commission Heritage Trail Regions. Archival supplies – acid-free folders for CHC and marker files. Texas Historical Commission Annual Conference – allocate monies to send 3-4 CHC members. Markers – pay for two in 2010. Dues and subscriptions for local organizations. Equipment – digital camera and GPS. The fiscal year ends in October 2009. David Voelter moved to approve recommended budget with the following additions: Item 706 – Awards to Junior Historians, \$200 and Item 609 – Contributions totaling \$350. Laura Sue Smith seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

**Item C:** Chris Dyer reported on the Williamson County Historical Commission Cemetery Map Task Force. Working with David Hollingsworth, getting things in order and gathering bids.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Item A:** Bob Brinkman reported on the Williamson County Historical Commission Marker Committee. The Easley-Sloan marker was ordered on January 14, 2009. Chris Dyer and Nancy Faulkner reported the Granite for the State Capitol marker and city park will be dedicated Saturday. The marker is located on the east side of Parmer Lane, below the railroad tracks, near Hwy. 183. There will be hot dogs. Nelma Wilkinson expressed her thanks to Chris and Amanda Dyer for attending the Nannie Morrow dedication at IOOF cemetery on Sunday.

### **Commissioner Reports and Announcements:**

Larry Rydell reported on the East Williamson County Park. It is under construction and will be ready around June. The Texas Historical Commission’s Annual Conference will be held April 15-17, 2009. Hill Country Trail Region meetings – March 19, San Marcos; May 21, Leakey; June 16, Lampasas; April 29, Kerrville Cemetery Workshop. Irene Varan reported that on May 2, 2009, a ceremony for Mary Ann Manlove Fisk will take place at the State Cemetery. Nancy Faulkner – City of Cedar Park Heritage Fest March 28, 4-10 p.m. 90-year old A.C. Bible Band, 5-7 p.m., Elizabeth Milburn Park. Irene Varan – Hopewell Cemetery fence removed, new maps show as one cemetery. Larry Rydell and Chris Dyer suggested it was a city funding and maintenance issue. Nelma Wilkinson – March 15, 2 p.m. State Cemetery DAR obelisk. Mervin Walker – Weir Road project near completion, marker will move to the north side of the road. Ed Lansford – Collection inventory update – 31 pages last meeting, 6 more pages of books, pamphlets and journals – all 37 pages now in computer.

The meeting was motioned to adjourn by Laura Sue Smith. Larry Rydell seconded the motion. The chair called the meeting closed at 3:18 p.m.

Submitted by Bob Brinkman