

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, in the 2nd floor conference room of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, Texas. Chris Dyer served as Chair, and Margie Fullen, upon request of the Chair, served as interim Secretary. **Members** present were Chris Dyer, Kandy Dipprey, Margie Fullen, Lou Fullen, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, Marietta Mugford, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, David Voelter, Wayne Ware, Nelma Wilkinson, and Charlene Jordan (Associate.) **Visitors** were Annette Voelter and George Meyer from Georgetown, and Larry Quick from Round Rock.

1. The **Chair** called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM and appointed Margie Fullen Interim Secretary.
2. The visitors were introduced by the Chair.
3. The **minutes** from the April 2, 2009, meeting were corrected by adding George Meyer to the list of guests in attendance. There being no other corrections, Chris Dyer moved and David Voelter seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.
4. Treasurer David Voelter distributed the **Treasurer's Report** (on file). Chris Dyer reported that the Commissioners Court had approved the County Historical Commission's Budget as submitted to them. Charlene Jordan moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved, and the motion was seconded by Wayne Ware. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Old Business** - Chris Dyer reported that Commissioner's Court accepted the Bylaws of the County Historical Commission with two modifications:
 - 2.01 a) ...Texas Historical Commission and, *when appropriate, co-operate with other similar community organizations;*
 - 3.02 Term. Membership shall be appointed *by the Commissioners Court as a whole...*;
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Cemetery map update** - Wayne Ware and Larry Quick distributed and explained copies of two maps that Wayne is inputting on the computer. One map shows the name and location of Historical Markers and the other shows the name and location of County

Cemeteries. Everyone participated in a lengthy open discussion without a motion having been made.

b. Chris Dyer announced that members should consider which of four **Task Force Groups** they wish to join:

i. **Membership** Task Force

ii. **Oral History** Task Force - Chris said a professional group such as the Baylor Institute of Oral History could be hired to conduct oral histories. Gary Spivey stated that he has some interviews that he recorded in the 40's and 50's. The tapes need to be transferred to a more durable format.

iii. **Historic Marker** Task Force - Chris explained that this group would map of markers, report the condition of markers, attend the dedication of markers, and suggest topics for markers, especially ones that are under-represented in the county. Examples of the latter might be people such as Barbette, or events such as the trial of the Klan by Dan Moody. At the present time, THC will pay \$1600 for under-represented markers.

iv. **Historical Cemetery** Task Force

7. **Committee Reports**

a. The **Marker Committee** reported the dedication of the Bear Creek - Connell Cemetery on May 3, 2009. Photographs are now on the web site.

8. **Commissioners Reports and Announcements**

a. May 24, 2009, at 3:00 PM there will be a marker dedication at St. John's Cemetery on Rabbit Hill Road (FM1460).

b. On Saturday, May 9, 2009, the Williamson Museum is celebrating Pioneer Days from 10:00 until 3:00 at Old Settler's Park. School tours are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, May 7 and 8 at the same location.

c. Milton Liese announced that Zion Lutheran at Walburg is now having a spring and fall sausage festival. The spring festival has already occurred, and he will notify us of the fall festival when the date is announced.

d. The Chisholm Trail event will be in early fall.

9. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Fullen