

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on **Thursday, Oct. 9, 2009**, in the District Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, Texas. Chris Dyer served as Chair and Clare Easley served as secretary. Members in attendance: Yvonne Beever, David Voelter, Kandy Dipprey, Chris Dyer, Clare Easley, Margie Fullen, Lou Fullen, Ed Lansford, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Larry Rydell, Laura Sue Smith, Mervin Walker, Tommie Walker, Elsie Waller, Wayne Ware, and Nelma Wilkinson. Guest present: Sandra Davidson from Bartlett.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

Ed Lansford moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Wayne Ware seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

David Voelter presented the 2010 budget as well as end of year remarks on the 2008/2009 budget. The report was accepted by the group as information.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business

New Business:

Item A: David Voelter presented the 2010 budget. Voelter noted that if the Commission approves the operating budget as presented and there is no fundraising activity on the year, the remaining balance of the WCHC's accounts, currently at \$11,583.76, would deplete to approximately \$1,500 by Oct. 2010. There was some discussion concerning the budget. The oral history committee would like to purchase a video camera to enable it to conduct its own interviews, an expense that was reflected in the presented budget. Kandy Dipprey mentioned that the \$2,500 allotted for the membership/outreach committee would be used for a fundraising memorial brick program for the WCHC. The bricks will cost the WCHC an estimated \$15 a piece, which will include the engraving. The plan is for the bricks to be sold for \$50 a piece to the public. Hopefully the city will lay the bricks in groups of 10 at a time free of charge. Patterns for the brick replacement must be approved by the city.

Kandy Dipprey motioned to accept the 2009/2010 fiscal year budget as presented in the amount of \$10,100. Mervin Walker seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Dyer reported that the Commissioner's Court had recently approved the applications of two new WCHC members. They are Mildred Hill Davis and Yvonne Beever. Dyer mentioned that there is currently room for three more members. Dyer also stressed the importance of member attendance at monthly meetings and that according to the Commission by-laws, three unexcused absences will result in voting members becoming designated as Associate Members.

Committee Reports:

Marker Committee: Chris Dyer reported on behalf of the Marker Committee. Dyer thanked the membership for responding to the email poll concerning the Leander “T” Project. P. J. Stevens and Dyer both reviewed the project and felt that it did not significantly impact historic sites in the area.

The dedication date for the Shiloh Cemetery marker in Hutto has been set for Nov. 7. Dyer invited the membership to attend. An individual in Norman’s Crossing is in the process of applying for a RTHL for a home. Dyer and Judge Ken Anderson are in the process of writing the narrative for the Williamson County KKK Trial historical marker.

Oral History Committee: The group did not meet last month.

Cemetery Committee: This group did not meet last month but continues its work.

Outreach & Membership Committee: Kandy Dipprey reported that the committee has had two meetings. The topic of the meetings was the sale of memorial bricks to help raise funding and a holiday party for the WCHC. There was some discussion on when and where to hold the Nov. and Dec. WCHC meetings. Dipprey and Dyer also met with Commissioner Cynthia Long who has agreed to serve as the liaison between the WCHC and the Commissioners Court.

Commissioner Reports and Announcements:

Nelma Wilkinson announced that Jim Bruseth from the Texas Historical Commission will speak at the upcoming DRT John Berry Chapter meeting on Oct. 10 at the Georgetown Parks Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by **Clare Easley**