

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

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on **Thursday, May 3rd, 2007** on the second floor of the Williamson County Historical Museum at 716 S Austin Avenue in Georgetown, Texas. Bob Brinkman was in the chair and David Hollingsworth was secretary. Members attending were: Bob Brinkman, Chris Dyer, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Johnnye Gresham, David Hollingsworth, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, Claire Maxwell, Barbara Meyer, George Meyer, Ruth Olson, Larry Rydell, Coop Smith, Laura Sue Smith, Elsie Waller, and Wayne Ware.

The chair called the meeting to order at about 2:30 pm.

Claire Maxwell introduced Susan Goldsworthy of the Williamson County Genealogical Society and thanked her for the presentation regarding their cemetery project given just prior to the meeting. Chris Dyer introduced Mary Harrison Hodge and Rita Zbranek of Salado.

Chris Dyer noted that the historic court railing described in the the minutes from the previous meeting described as on loan to the museum was in fact given to the museum and is on loan to the county. Clare Maxwell **moved to accept the minutes as amended**. Larry Rydell seconded and the motion carried.

There was no **old business**.

### **New Business:**

Chris Dyer indicated that the guests from Salado have applied for two markers that have been approved. Chris moved that WCHC fund half of the Corn Hill marker to the sum of \$750. Barbara Meyer seconded the motion, a discussion occurred, and the motion carried.

Susan Goldsworthy gave a presentation regarding the Williamson County Genealogical Society cemetery project. The project website can be found online at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwcgs>. Anyone interested in volunteering would be welcome.

### **Cemetery committee:**

Chris Dyer: He & David Hollingsworth attended homecoming for Berry Creek cemetery association. They're in the process for applying for a historical marker for the cemetery.

### **Marker committee:**

Chris Dyer reported for the marker committee. The construction company that damaged the Mankin's Crossing marker will pay for its replacment by making an insurance claim, but a new marker application had to be submitted. The new enscription is the same as before with the addition of the phrase 'Property of the Texas Historical Commission.' Mervin Walker has approved the new enscription. Other markers that have been approved are the Daniel Harrison, Corn Hill, and St John's church in Thrall have been approved. The marker payment deadline is May 25th. The marker for Friendship has been approved but is still at the foundry. The application period for 2007 will be November 1st through January 15th. Ruth Olsen asked about the status of the Stony Point School marker and Bob Brinkman said that he would check.

Ed Lansford reported for the museum committee. Lou Fullen requested that the Commission contact the Texas Historical Commission to request that the artifacts obtained from the archeological excavation that occurred downstairs at the museum be turned over to the THC. Chris Dyer noted that the contractor doing the archeological work has already been paid.

## **Commissioner Announcements:**

Bob Brinkman announced that WCHC was given the Distinguished Service Award for 2006 at the THC annual conference.

Bob Brinkman announced that on June 8th at the Capitol the Department of Agriculture will have a banquet honoring the 2006 Family Land Heritage inductees.

Chris Dyer announced that the artist for the mural project will speak at the museum at 4pm on Saturday May 19th as part of the mural unveiling.

Fred "Coop" Smith announced that Martin Parker's book: "Freedom Ain't Free: Rememberances of Central Texas Military Veterans from WWI to the War on Terrorism" has been published. Laura Sue Smith noted that Coop contributed to the book.

Chris Dyer announced the Hutto United Methodist Church groundbreaking at 350 Ed Schmitt Road (behind Home Depot) on Sunday May 6th at 4pm.

Laura Sue Smith announced that the store window of building next door has been set up with a display by museum. George Meyer announced that he will attend the Post Oak Island Lodge marker ceremony at on Saturday May 19th at 11:30am.

Claire Maxwell announced that the Taylor Heritage Society's will have its Spring Home and Garden Tour May 5th & 6th from 1pm to 6pm. The tour will cost \$12 or \$15 dollars and begins at the Moody museum.

Milton Liese announced that the Zion Lutheran Church is having another event for their 125th anniversary on June 3rd. There will be speakers in the morning and afternoon, with a noon meal that must be preordered for \$5.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held at about **2pm on Thursday, June 9th, 2007**, probably in Walburg or Jonah.

The chair called the meeting closed at 3:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E Hollingsworth, Secretary

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## **Upcoming events:**

- June 10, 2 pm: The Williamson County Historical Museum is holding the truck raffle at Don Hewlett Chevrolet on I-35
- June 16, 10 am: Dr. James Dicky Marker dedication at the site of the future museum at 300 block of Burkett St (just before train overpass off 4th / business 79)
- June 23: Florence Friendship Days