

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on October 14, 2010, in the District Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, TX. P.J. Stevens served as Chair and Clare Easley served as Secretary.

Members present were: Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Clare Easley, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Ed Landsford, Milton Liese, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, Larry Rydell, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, PJ Stevens, Wayne Ware.

Guests present: Bob Brinkman, Assoc. Member

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

The Chair called for review of the September 2010 WCHC minutes. Gary Spivey moved to approve the minutes. Milton Liese seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, David Voelter, was absent. No report was given. Budget was discussed. Commissioners were previously sent a packet containing the closed out year-end financials for FY 2010 and a proposed budget for FY 2011. The closed out figures were shown that included a reimbursement due of \$200 from the Williamson Museum for accidental double reimbursement of postage costs. Mickie Ross presented the check for \$200 from the museum to close out the books. A budget for FY 2011 was presented showing a deficit of \$2,580 due to lack of funding from Williamson County. Many expense items from previous years were reduced or eliminated. All revenue for upcoming year will be from funds raised by the commission. Bank balance as of today, is \$12,107.34 plus the \$200 reimbursement. Vote to approve was postponed to next meeting.

Old Business:

Follow up to the AME church renovation donation request. The commission recommended a \$250 donation be made towards their effort to renovate this historic treasure. Milton Liese motioned to approve. Laura Sue seconded. Motion passed, 14 For, 1 Against.

New Business:

PJ announced an initiative to add a "Junior Commissioner" to the WCHC that would be a college student from a university located in Williamson County. Still in the "idea" stage, this position was briefly discussed with Judge Gattis and the Chair of History at Southwestern University. Position would be a college student with no voting rights who

would sit on the commission and represent the university as a “liason” between their school and the commission. An outline is being drawn up for discussion with Judge Gattis and SWU.

PJ reported that he was copied on a letter from the THC to Southwestern University regarding the replacement of windows in the historic Cullen building on campus. SWU’s first request was denied, but they have now come to an agreement acceptable to both parties.

Committee Reports:

Infrastructure –

Discussion was had regarding the Florence “Safe Roads to Schools” project. Packets were handed out to all members earlier in the month for review and to discuss any concerns we may have. Bob Brinkman had also reviewed this project and commented that it appeared to have adequately addressed any conflicts with historic properties. No objections were raised. Kandy moved to approve our acceptance of this project. Laura Sue seconded the motion. Passed, unanimously.

Markers –

Mickie reported that the marker dedication at the Rocky Hollow cemetery went very well. The WCHC was well represented by PJ, Mickie and Wayne and thanks also were given to Chris Dyer for his work.

Cemetery –

Work still continues on mapping w/ County’s GIS department

Oral History – No report

Membership Outreach –

Kandy will look into getting booths set up on square for Christmas Stroll, Poppy Fest, etc. to sell more bricks.

Announcements:

Ghost tour at the museum over Halloween and a cemetery tour at the IOOF.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clare Easley, Secretary