

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on February 9, 2012, in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. PJ Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

Members present were: Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Claire Easley, Winnann Ewing, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, George Meyer, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, PJ Stevens, David Voelter, Mervin Walker, and Wayne Ware.

There was one guest present. Frank Mills, who has been taking pictures of old places in Georgetown, was interested in what the WCHC does. Wayne Ware told him he was welcome to come sit in on our meeting.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The Chair informed us, for those members who had not already heard, of the passing of one of our members, Larry Rydell. Kandy Dipprey passed around a card of sympathy for the members to sign. She will send it to the family.

The Chair welcomed our newest member, Winnann Ewing. She graciously accepted an appointment to the Oral History Committee, where she will be helping Gary Spivey.

The Chair called for review of the January 2012 minutes. There was one correction: Claire Easley's name was inadvertently left out. Mickie Ross moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that the current balance is \$13,206.88. There was one correction made to the notations. Milton Liese moved to accept the treasurer's report as corrected. David Voelter seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Chair has received the bill for the yearly rental of the post office box. The cost is \$52 for twelve months. Laura Sue Smith made a motion to pay the \$52 for the post office box rental. Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Chair reminded the WCHC of the May 2 deadline for the budget for next fiscal year to be sent to the County Commissioners Court. The budget committee needs to meet prior to the March WCHC meeting to prepare a preliminary budget. Mildred will set up that meeting. The members of the budget committee are: Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Barbara Glasscock, PJ Stevens, and David Voelter.

Mildred also received notification from the county auditors office that we do have exempt status in regard to the profits from the sale of the memorial bricks.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Markers –

Mickie Ross reported that there were was nothing new in the works. The Oliver Cemetery has received Historical Cemetery status.

Mervin Walker reported that the Monodale Cemetery marker will be completely reinstalled by next week.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that he has done more work on the Robert McNutt cemetery. He really would like to see it fenced. It is not known yet what will be done for the celebration of the marker for the Oliver Cemetery.

He also gave us information about the oldest frame building in Williamson County, that is located close to the Lawrence Chapel Cemetery near Coupland.

Oral History –

Gary Spivey reported that the transcription of the J.C. Johnson interview is complete. There are no interviews currently scheduled.

Liberty Hill is working toward housing a museum in the park. Also the culture garden that was supposed to open April will be delayed until October.

Membership –

Kandy Dipprey reported that 23 bricks have been purchased since the first of January.

Presentation –

Winnann Ewing made a presentation about her historic home (The Taylor/Cooper Home). Seven generations of her have lived in the house. They have all been descendants of Emzy Taylor. The home has been passed down through the women of the

family. She passed out information to the WCHC, including pictures of the some the wonderful features of the home.

Announcements -

Laura Sue Smith shared pictures of members of the WCHC that were in the Williamson County Sun and also showed us a book that was written by a long-time Georgetown resident, Louis Miller. It contains many interesting stories and may be purchased from Mr. Miller.

The March meeting will be held in the District Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock