

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on April 14, 2016 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. P.J. Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Members present were: Nancy Bell, David Ciambrone, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Clare Easley, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, Lloyd Mattingly, George Myer, Marietta Mugford, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Stevens, David Stuckey, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

There were two guests present: Rusty Winkstern and Sam Pfeister. They gave a presentation on the repair or replacement of the two Austin Avenue bridges in Georgetown than span the North and South San Gabriel Rivers.

Minutes:

The Chair called for review of the March 2016 minutes. Nancy Bell noted a correction that needed to be made concerning the website report. David Ciambrone moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that there is currently \$713.75 in the County Fund and \$10,379.88 in the General Fund. Wayne Ware submitted his statement for cemetery maintenance for December 2015-April 2016 in the amount of \$457.41.

Old Business:

Nancy Bell gave a report about her meeting with the Chair and Diane Guam concerning the redevelopment of the WCHC website. Ms. Guam suggested that we use GoDaddy for the maintenance of the website. WordPress is the software that the company uses. She also had suggestions of how to present ourselves. There are many templates that can be used in building the website that can range in cost from free to \$100. She will choose three for us to finalize. The total cost of the project will be \$2,000 to \$3,400 for Ms. Guam's time. There will be \$500 charge to start the website plus the cost of the software.

David Ciambrome moved that we accept the proposal made by Diane Guam at a cost not to exceed \$3,400. Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Committee Reports:

Markers –

No report.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that most of the work at the McNutt Cemetery has been completed. Jan Sharp will take over the maintenance.

Now that the fence has been completed at the McNutt Cemetery and we have received statements of expenditures, the donation for the cemetery fence can be paid. David Ciambrone moved that we pay the \$1,000 that was previously approved and Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Anderson Cemetery has a new owner and he is turning the property into a nature preserve. Wayne will no longer need to mow at this cemetery.

Col. Little reported that the Confederates' Day Ceremony that was to be held at the Jolly Cemetery on April 16 was rescheduled to May 15 due to the possibility of bad weather. Also on May 21 there will be a ceremony at the IOOF Cemetery at 1:00 for G.W. Glasscock, Jr.

Oral History –

David Ciambrone gave a report from the oral history committee's last meeting. He passed out a list of some of the focus topics that were discussed. Those topics include: one room schools, old farms/ranches in the county still here or remembered, military installations in Williamson County from 1880's to present, and haunted sites in Williamson County.

Membership/Outreach –

Kandy Dipprey reported that the WCHC will have a booth for brick sales at the Red Poppy Festival on April 23 in the Williamson Museum.

There has been one brick sold since the last meeting.

The Chair welcomed our newest member, Col. Shelby Little.

Infrastructure –

Lloyd Mattingly reported that the Section 106 Review Agreement is still in progress. Mark Brown with the THC has encouraged the WCHC to be more proactive in the checking the "Project Tracker" on the TXDot website.

Dan Doss reported that he has been to the sixteen historical bridges and taken pictures of them. He is also collecting data on all of them.

New Business:

There was a reminder that it is time to renew the WCHC membership with the Williamson Museum. David Ciambone moved the WCHC renew its membership with the Museum. Laura Sue Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Committee Assignment:

The Chair assigned our new member, Col. Little, to the Oral History and Cemetery committees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary