

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

A regular meeting of the Williamson Historical Commission was held on March 10, 2017 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. David Ciambrone served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present were: Nancy Bell, Eloise Brackenridge, David Ciambrone, Clare Easley, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, George Meyer, Mickie Ross, and Wayne Ware.

There were no guests present.

The Chair called for review of the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting. Winnann Ewing moved that the minutes be approved. Eloise Brackenridge seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nancy Bell reported that there is currently a balance of \$609.06 in the County Fund and \$6,828.72 in the Program Fund.

She met yesterday with Melanie, from the County Commissioners' office, to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018.

The budget committee will meet on March 13 at 2:00 to start the planning process for the new budget.

### **Old Business:**

Website update – Nancy Bell reported that she has been working hard taking pictures as needed of historical markers. She still needs to do the ones in Round Rock, Taylor, Hutto, and Thrall. Diane Gaume has uploaded to the website the information that Nancy has completed.

Mickie Ross has not heard from anyone concerning the Confederate plaque request

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Markers -**

The Williamson County granite marker that was removed from the old roadside park that was demolished is being housed in the Georgetown TxDOT site yard. Mickie Ross is working with the city for the placement of the marker beside the Three-legged Willie statue in front of the Williamson Museum.

### **Cemetery –**

Wayne Ware reported that he will begin work again since the weeds and grass are growing again.

### **Oral History –**

Winnann Ewing has talked to Dr. Steven Sloan at Baylor University concerning the planning of a workshop on oral histories and how to do them. She has gotten names of all the chairmen of the surrounding county historical commissions to see if they would be interested in attending the workshop. She does not know if there will be any expenses.

Eloise Brackenridge is working on some oral histories in Taylor. She is concentrating on major historic homes.

Winnann is planning an interview with Laura Sue Smith about her 100 year farmstead.

### **Membership/Outreach –**

The Community Impact publication has been contacted to get information into all of the county papers about the brick sales.

David spoke with Commissioner Valerie Covey concerning the placement of memorial bricks around the Confederate Soldier Statue. He was advised that he would have to work with the city.

### **Infrastructure –**

Clare Easley reported that she has been working with Frankie Limmer on the old iron bridge over the San Gabriel River at CR 366. Frankie is one of the land owners where the bridge is located. David Hajda is the land owner on the other side of the bridge. That property is under a sales contract.

### **New Business:**

Claire Easley has been in contact with a parishioner at the historical AME Church at 4<sup>th</sup> and West Street. The church is need of major repairs. The WCHC has contributed to the church in the past. They would like to request our help again. There was discussion about a representative coming to a meeting to give a presentation.

### **Announcements:**

Mickie Ross reported that the opening of the World War I Exhibit at the Williamson Museum was the largest they have had in about six years.

There will be an open house at the Williamson Museum on the Chisholm Trail in Round Rock on April 1, 2017 at 1:00-2:00 p.m. The Museum will be open on Saturdays through the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary