

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on August 9, 2018 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas. Eloise Brackenridge served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as Secretary

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

Members present were: Rachel Arnold, Nancy Bell, Eloise Brackenridge, Joe Burgess, Kelly Clark, Mildred Davis, Jane DiGesualdo, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Winnann Ewing, Mike Fowler, Barbara Glasscock, Jon Harlan, Gary Hudder, Col. Shelby Little, Michael McCloskey, Jan Raesz, Mickie Ross, Tina Steiner, and Wayne Ware.

Minutes:

The Chair called for the review of the minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting. Winnann Ewing moved that the minutes be approved. Mickie Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy reported that there is currently \$860.36 in the General Fund and \$6,467.30 in the Program Fund. There are still two months in which to spend during this fiscal budget.

Old Business:

. Website – Nancy Bell asked for volunteers to help with the new website. She won't be doing anything with Diane Gaume until mid-September.

Committee Reports:

Marker –

Mickie Ross reported that one of the two marker applications has been approved. The narrative for the marker application by Winnann Ewing for the Taylor/Cooper house has been approved. The marker for the church in Florence has not been approved yet.

Museum -

- . Congressman John Carter will be visiting the museum on Friday, August 10.
- . The newest exhibit at the museum, Congregations of Williamson County, has opened.
- . The 7th Annual Cattleman's Ball will honor Big Boy Hester.
- . The museum will host Ghost Tours in October.
- . The 170 Years of Williamson County exhibit will open in December.
- . The Law and Order in Williamson County exhibit will open in the spring of 2019.

Cemeteries –

Wayne Ware reported that they are trying to maintain the cemeteries that they can get to. He and volunteers from Sun City go about twice a week. There has been some vandalism at the Rice's Crossing Cemetery. There has also been damage at the Bear Creek/Connell Cemetery – the historical marker was knocked down and then stolen.

Oral History –

Eloise Brackenridge has created a curriculum for oral histories. Ultimately she would like to have a professional come in to train interviewers. Meanwhile we could do some in-house training. We need to get going on how to do them (the process) and what to concentrate on.

Outreach –

Shelby Little reported that he has received checks for two brick orders. He is still soliciting brick orders.

Bridges –

Dan Doss has nothing new to report on historical bridges

New Business:

. Secretary Vacancy - Barbara Glasscock has resigned the secretary position after ten years of service. The Chair is asking for interest in the position or to nominate someone via email. The nominations and vote will take place at the September meeting.

. Phase One of county-wide census – There is a need to create a committee to identify the ten most historical sites in the county. Rachel Arnold has volunteered to be the chairman of the committee, possibly named the Historical Site Atlas Committee.

Mickie Ross shared that the WCHC started the idea for the Williamson Museum in 1997. The museum has a large research collection that could help with the committee's research.

. The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission will hold their convention (Real Places 2019) January 16-18, 2019 at the Sheraton Hotel in Austin. Winnann Ewing has already signed up to attend part of it.

Reports and Announcements – None

Winnann Ewing moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mildred Davis seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.