

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on January 11, 2018 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown TX. David Ciabrone 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 Ciabrone, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, Mickie Ross, P.J. Stevens, and David Voelter.

There were no guests present:

Minutes:

The Chair called for review of the minutes of the October 2017 meeting. There was one correction to the minutes noted. Winnann Ewing moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Mildred Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Bell reported that there is \$1,670 in the General Fund and \$6,477.30 in the Program Fund.

Old Business:

David Ciabrone reported that our contract with Diane Gaume is not going well. On December 6 there were some changes made to the template without prior permission. She has not met the anticipated completion of the website. Nancy suggests that we terminate our association with her and find someone else to complete the implementation of the WCHC website. No action was taken at this time.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

New Business:

. The election of officers for the new term was held. Those officers are: Chair, David Ciabrone; Vice Chair, P.J. Stevens; Secretary, Barbara Glasscock; and Treasurer, Nancy Bell.

. A new chapter of the DAR has opened in Cedar Park. Their title is San Gabriel Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They currently have 65 members and meet at the Leander Presbyterian Church. They want to refinish and clean up

historical markers in the Leander and Cedar Park area. Bob Brinkman, with the Texas Historical Commission, has sent them a video of how to clean markers properly. They are interested in collaborating with the WCHC and would like to adopt a cemetery.

A motion was made and seconded that the WCHC collaborate with the San Gabriel Chapter of the DAR on cemetery cleanup. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

. Eloise Brackenridge is working on the Moody Museum fund raising committee. She reported that the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society is interested in preserving the old truss bridge that was on the Easley property and creating a park there in the memory of Clare Easley.

. Also from the Taylor area, Dan Doss shared that Shirley and Nolan Werchan have a lot of information on the Hoxie area and a list of schools that were in that area. Someone needs to do an oral history with them.

. Kandy Dipprey shared that she would like to resign from the brick committee chairman position. Other commitments are taking most of her time at the present. Shelby Little volunteered to take over that position. Mildred Davis will continue to do the marketing of the bricks.

. Mickie Ross reported that there are two historical marker applications that are going forward: The Taylor-Cooper House and a church in Florence.

She has been working with the THC concerning the supplemental plaque by the Confederate Soldier Memorial. The current plaque that was redone in the 1980's is poorly worded and is in need of replacement. The cost of a replacement would be \$450. Mickie Ross moved that the WCHC apply for a replacement supplemental plaque. Shelby Little seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Announcements –

The Williamson Museum will be hosting a 1920's flapper dance January 24.

The Chisholm Trail Museum in Round Rock will be opening again in February every Saturday from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. There will be a reenactment of the Jenny Dyer wedding on February 3 at 4:00 p.m. The original wedding took place in February 1872 on the grounds where the Chisholm Trail Museum is located.

. Shelby Little shared that there will be a Confederate Hero's Day next Friday around noon on the courthouse lawn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.