

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on February 9, 2019 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas. Eloise Brackenridge served as Chair and Rachel Arnold served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Members present were: Rachel Arnold, Nancy Bell, Eloise Brackenridge, Joe Burgess, Kelly Clark, Mildred Hill Davis, Jane DiGesauldo, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Winnann Ewing, Mike Fowler, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, Michael McCloskey, Mickie Ross, Wayne Ware, and David Voelter.

There were no guests present.

Minutes:

The Chair called for review of the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting. Joe Burgess moved that the minutes be approved, Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Bell reported that the General Fund balance is \$1,226.20 and the Program Fund is \$6286.42. Tombstone balance \$372.28; \$100 just added for the cemetery fund.

Old Business:

None

Committees Reports:

Markers –

Received and signed three markers in the Heritage Square to be relocated. One marker went in for Post Oak Island and it was approved.

Supplemental plaque on the courthouse to be reworded. Currently, the text reads “African Americans, the largest ethnic group among settlers” but the commissioner recognizes this is an error that should be historically accurate but the THC makes the ultimate decision. The plaque will be paid for by the Historical Commission. Needs to be on the Commissioners Court agenda. Eloise to make an appointment with Judge Bill Gravell.

Cemeteries –

It's been slow for the winter, but now there are two cemetery teams: one that mows and one the refurbishes tombstones. A member has created a tripod to help right obelisks in cemeteries.

A question regarding the location of cemetery records was asked. It was determined that binders in the museum have the record.

Bonnet Cemetery must apply to become a Texas Landmark Cemetery before she can move forward on a marker. This is a newer mandate. Nancy Bell will send Mickie the records on the cemeteries with this designation.

Museum News –

Jenny's Dyer Wedding—and 1872 wedding recreation January 12, 2019 4:00PM-6:00PM

March 1st the Museum opens the Women of Wilco exhibit 5-6:30 PM

Chisholm Trail Day—First weekend in April.

The museum has sent a proposal to the City of Round Rock. They are hoping to get some of the Hotel Occupancy Tax—they have 28 hotels.

Oral History –

Kandy Dippery and David Voelter went to get the history of Stiles Byron.

Handbook for Oral History is complete and Winnann will be sending it out.

Website –

The website will go live on March 13, 2019. The address will be WilcoHistory.org. Motion made by David Voelter and seconded by Nancy Bell for Dianne to maintain \$50/quarter. You have to give information to help make the website great!

Speakers –

For the February 21, 2019 event all WCHC members are asked to wear nametags. Winnann will make a program and will bring them to the event. Please arrive by 5:45.

We are also going to donate 2 bricks in honor of our speakers.

Additional logistics were discussed about the “Toast to Our History”

RACHEL ARNOLD HAD TO LEAVE THE MEETING AT 5:15 PM AND NO ADDITIONAL MINUTES WERE TAKEN.

Brick Sales –

Historic Bridges –

Historic Places –

New Business:

Comments: