

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular of the Williamson Historical Commission was held on April 13, 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 3:55.

Members present were: Nancy Bell, David Ciambrone, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Clare Easley, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, George Meyer, M, David Mickie Ross, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

The Chair called for review of the March 10, 2017 meeting. There was one correction noted. Kandy Dipprey moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mickie Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Bell reported that there is a balance of \$609.06 in the General Fund and \$6,818.77 in the Program Fund. There are some outstanding bills still to be paid: The \$500 support for the Williamson Museum's WWI Exhibit and the WCHC membership to the Williamson Museum.

Nancy distributed a copy of the information she submitted to the County Auditor's Office for consideration of funding from the County for the 2107-2018 fiscal year.

The Chair stressed the need to sell more bricks. Each member would need to sell 2-3 bricks in the coming year to meets the needs of the budget.

Mildred Davis will chair a Marketing Committee to promote the sale of memorial bricks.

P.J. Stevens will work on a drawing for the placement of the bricks around the courthouse to include around the Confederate Memorial Statue.

Old Business:

Website update – Nancy Bell shared a copy of the expenses in the development of the new WCHC website. There is an additional plug in (Facet WP) that needs to be purchased at the cost of \$79. This app will allow for alphabetizing and tagging on the website. Nancy Bell moved the WCHC purchase Facet WP at a cost of \$79. Clare Easley seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote. She has been working hard on the information on Historical Markers and Cemeteries. All of that should be input by September 1. There are a lot changes that Diane Gaume needs to input but is waiting on the purchase of the new app.

Committee Reports:

Markers –

Mickie Ross has had a request for a supplemental plaque to be added to the Confederate Memorial Statue. The cost of a new plaque is \$450. The current plaque was added in 1998 by the WCHC. She will get more information from Bob Brinkman at THC for new wording.

Mickie has been contacted by churches in Florence and Round Rock about applications for historical markers.

Cemeteries –

Wayne Ware reported that the stone works company that owns the land around the Patrick Cemetery has agreed to put up a fence around it and will take over the upkeep.

Oral History –

None

Membership/Outreach -

None

Bridges –

None

Announcements:

Mickie Ross has a lot things going on at the Williamson Museum:

April 22, Family Fun Day at the Courthouse

April 29, Red Poppy Festival parade watch at the Courthouse

May 4-6, Pioneer Days at the Round Rock Old Settler's Park – the chuck wagons will be back

May 13, Preservation Month begins

May 18, Book signing at the Courthouse by the author of Ten Dollars to Hate

May 20, 10:00-12:00, Making History on the Square

June 3, Hard opening of the Williamson Museum on Chisholm Trail – it will be open on Saturdays during the summer

Col. Little shared information concerning HB 1359, which is the Hero's Protection Act which would protect statues located on state property from being moved, defaced, or removed. Also HB 2224 has been introduced that would eliminate Confederate Hero's Day.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary