

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on October 12, 2017 in the Williamson County Courthouse at 700 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. David Ciambone served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Members present were: David Ciambone, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Winann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Col. Shelby Little, P.J. Stevens, and Wayne Ware.

There were two guests present: Danell Houch, sitting in for Mickie Ross, and Mark Brown with TxDot.

Mark Brown gave a demonstration of some online tools available on the TxDot website such as ETCT, Project Tracker, Historic Properties and Districts, and Historic Bridges.

He shared with the WCHC recent projects that have taken place in Williamson County and how to look those up online.

He handed out copies of our existing consulting party agreement and a draft of what the new consulting party agreement could look like.

Minutes:

The Chair called for review of the September 2017 meeting. Mildred Davis moved that the minutes be approved. Shelby Little seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

There was no report due to the absence of the Treasurer. Reports were sent out via email in advance of the meeting.

Old Business:

No website report.

We need to get opinions on moving the meeting around to different locations in Williamson County. Dan Doss will check with organizations in Taylor on where we could meet.

Another option is to look at evening meetings to gain more interest in participation and see what presentations might be offered.

Kandy Dipprey offered a fundraising idea. Stephen Benold has history programs about Williamson County that he presents. He charges a fee for those in attendance. We could possibly partner with him. The drawback of this would be finding a location for the meeting.

For more involvement with the Williamson Museum, Mildred Davis suggested sponsoring a Traveling Trunk. The cost to adopt a trunk is \$25. She handed out a list of the topics of the trunks available. The Museum is in need of more sponsors and volunteers to help with the trunks.

Committee Reports:

There were no reports scheduled for this meeting.

New Business:

Memorial Bricks – We need to revisit the brick sales because of the replacement of the grass between the sidewalk and the street around the courthouse with pavers. That could afford more options for placement of the memorial bricks.

Museum News - Danell Houch, from the Williamson Museum, asked for the WCHC's help with the November 4th WWI Cemetery Tour at the IOOF Cemetery. There is a need for docents to be living history characters and people to help with ticket sales, manning the table, and distribution of water to participants. Shelby Little will send out a list of characters that are needed.

There is also a need for volunteers to help with the Southwestern University Homecoming Tailgate from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Georgetown ISD Athletic Field.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock