

## McLennan County Historical Commission

### Minutes for September 21, 2019

*Proof of posting* was established in accordance with the Government Code, Chapter 551 (known as the Open Meetings Act), and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Brittain.

A **Quorum** was established with the following members present: Charles Barrow, George Bird, Ken Brittain, Thomas DeShong, Robert Gamboa, John Kamenec, Walter Lavender, Clint Lynch, Sean Sutcliffe, Greta Watson, and Shirley Woodlock.

**Meeting was opened** by Ken Brittain who officially called the meeting to order at 9:03.

**Minutes of the meeting** of August 17, 2019 were approved with a motion by Clint Lynch which was seconded by Greta Watson. The motion passed.

**The Treasurer's report** was composed by Jacquelyn Lipski and delivered by Clint Lynch. The commission has spent approximately \$3,000 to date and has a remaining balance of \$11,641.00. The new budget goes into effect on October 1st, but most of these funds will carry over for the completion of the Torrey Trading Post video project. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Charles Barrow and was seconded by Shirley Woodlock. The motion passed.

#### **Agenda items included the following:**

- **County School History Project:** No report given.
- **Frost Schools:** Shirley Woodlock presented her research on Frost School and its founder, Joseph Frost, who had been a blacksmith in McLennan County and had facilitated the construction of the one-room, log cabin school in 1886. The school ultimately closed in 1915 and was converted into a store. Shirley asserts both the school and Frost's gravesite are excellent potential candidates for historical markers.
- **Select Committee for Torrey Trading Post Video:** Ken Brittain asked for members willing to volunteer to serve on the committee leading the production of a video on the Torrey Trading Post. Clint Lynch will chair the committee. Other members will include Charles Barrow, George Bird, Ken Brittain, Thomas DeShong, Byron Johnson, Jon Kamenec, and Sean Sutcliffe. Charles Barrow made a motion to accept these nominations which was seconded by Shirley Woodlock.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Marker Committee-Clint Lynch:** Clint reported that the Texas Historical Commission is still looking for a new foundry to create the historical markers. Thus, several projects remain on hold. The Dr Pepper Museum is interested in a marker for what was once the Corner Drug Store. Robert Denton is still considering a marker for the former firehouse and dance studio behind Wilkirson-Hatch funeral home, but this may end up becoming a medallion instead. Clint is also still in talks with representatives of Chapel Hill Baptist Church near Bellmead.

**Medallion Committee-Sean Sutcliffe:** Sean stated there were no updates to report.

**Projects Committee-Watson Arnold:** No report given.

**Texas Treasures Awards-Dinah Mills:** No report given.

**Website and Public Relations Committee-Clint Lynch:** Clint called upon members to continue submitting edits and suggestions for the website. Charles Barrow suggested that Clint ask for usage statistics to see where internet traffic is going on the website. Clint agreed and will request these numbers for next month's report.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements:**

- Clint Lynch encouraged members to attend the Bell County Historical Commission's lecture on September 23rd entitled "The Rise and Demise of the Great Western Cattle Trail in Texas."
- Ken Brittain reminded the commission that we will be co-hosting a lecture on Jacob de Cordova on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lee Lockwood Museum. A display table will be set up.
- Ken Brittain announced that October is Texas Archaeological Month and that speakers are wanted for local history topics.
- Sean Sutcliffe announced Historic Waco Foundation is hosting a spotlight lecture on the East Waco Little League on October 5th at the East Waco Library.
- On October 18th, the commission will set up a table at the West Waco Library Genealogy Lock-in. Jon Kamenec and Shirley Woodlock expressed interest in attending.
- Clint Lynch announced that the Heart of Texas Storytelling Guild will be conducting "Walking Tales" at Oakwood Cemetery on October 19th from 10:00 to 1:00. The commission agreed to meet earlier at next month's meeting (8:30 instead of 9:00) to encourage members to attend the event.
- Ken Brittain handed out itineraries for the fourth annual Real Places Conference held in Austin January 29-31, 2020. Members interested in going would be reimbursed by the commission for some expenses.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

- The commission will need to consider nominations for treasurer at the October meeting.

**Adjournment:** The next meeting will be held on the third Saturday in October (**October 19, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.**) A move to adjourn was made by Clint Lynch and seconded by Walter Lavender at 10:04. All in approval.

**Submitted by Thomas A. DeShong, Secretary**