

**McLennan County Historical Commission  
Minutes for January 18, 2020**

*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: Watson Arnold, Charles Barrow, George Bird, Ken Brittain, Thomas DeShong, Amanda Dyer, Robert Gamboa, Byron Johnson, John Kamenec, Walter Lavender, Clint Lynch, Sean Sutcliffe, and Shirley Woodlock.

**Meeting was opened** by Ken Brittain who officially called the meeting to order at 8:59.

**Minutes of the meeting** of November 23, 2019 were approved with one minor spelling correction. A motion was made by George Bird and seconded by Walter Lavender to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

**The Treasurer's report** was delivered by Charles Barrow. Charles delivered bank statements compiled by Missy Niles. In two accounts, the Commission has \$22,025 and \$1,300 for a starting total of \$23,325. This number was \$376 off the last total presented in 2019, but the Commission has not had an official treasurer since September. The Commission agreed to accept the number presented in Missy Niles' reports as the starting balance for 2020. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by George Bird and was seconded by Clint Lynch. The motion passed.

**Agenda items included the following:**

- **County School History Project:** Ken Brittain will be in contact with Connie Mayfield regarding her progress on the project in the upcoming month.
- **P.O. Box for the Commission:** Clint Lynch will be looking into this further in the upcoming month.
- **TxDOT Letter:** In response to November's vote, Ken Brittain sent a letter to the Texas Department of Transportation confirming there was no historical significance for the bridge spanning Speegleville Creek.
- **Vote on New Member:** Amanda Dyer applied for membership to the Historical Commission. Clint Lynch made the motion to accept her application, seconded by Ken Brittain. All members were in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

**Marker Committee-Clint Lynch:** Clint reported that applications remain in limbo, although Ken reported that the state historical commission is close to choosing a foundry. Clint said that the application for a marker for the Bluebonnet Ordinance Plant should be resubmitted. The Dr Pepper Museum and the Chapel Hill Baptist Church are still interested in applying for historical markers, but the latter may need to conduct some fundraising.

**Medallion Committee-Sean Sutcliffe:** Sean reported that a medallion application was sent to Dinah Mills for a building in McGregor.

**Projects Committee-Watson Arnold:** Watson had nothing new to report.

**Texas Treasures Business Awards-No Chair:** No report given.

**Video Committee-Clint Lynch:** Clint hopes the Video Project Committee will be able to meet in February once schedules have cleared up. The figure of Sam Houston will play prominently in the project. A small group will need to travel to New Braunfels to conduct further research. Charles Barrow has been working very hard on constructing the initial storyboard.

**Website and Public Relations Committee-Clint Lynch:** Clint reported that Sean Sutcliffe has edited the content for the medallion page. This will be uploaded shortly. Clint also requested an up-to-date copy of the Commission's directory for the purposes of updating the website. The secretary will send this out to all members prior to next month's meeting. There have been several reference questions come through the website. Clint has handled many of these and will continue to delegate others as needed. Per interest from the Commission, Clint will ask the webpage designer how to record statistics on usage so he can report these numbers at the monthly meetings.

**New Business:**

- Clint Lynch announced that the Historic Waco Foundation will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prohibition with a fundraiser on Thursday, January 23 from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. Attendees will be taught how to make three Prohibition-era drinks. Cost is \$125 per person. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, January 20.
- Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is the Regional History Fair held at Baylor University. Six gift cards of \$50 each will be purchased by Clint Lynch who will be reimbursed at a later date. Walter Lavender agreed to represent the Commission as a special awards judge and to present the winners with their prizes. Byron Johnson is checking to see if he can also help. Thomas DeShong will be assisting with the special awards as time allows.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

- Shirley Woodlock has volunteered to chair the Texas Treasures Business Awards Committee. The commission will vote on this nomination in February.

**Adjournment:** The next meeting will be held on the third Saturday in February (**February 15, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.**) A move to adjourn was made by Clint Lynch and seconded by Charles Barrow at 10:10. All in approval.

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