

**McLennan County Historical Commission
Minutes for March 13, 2021**

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 Vice Chair Clint Lynch.

A Quorum was established with the following members present via Zoom and telephone: Charles Barrow, Thomas DeShong, Amanda Dyer, Sylvia Hernandez, Byron Johnson, John Kamenec, Clint Lynch, Kevin Stone, Greta Watson, and Shirley Woodlock. Charles Perkins, a prospective member, was also in attendance.

Meeting was opened by Clint Lynch who officially called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the meeting of January 30, 2021 were approved. A motion was made by Greta Watson and seconded by Charles Barrow to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was delivered by Charles Barrow. The reports sent by Missy Niles in the Auditor's Office do not currently reflect the reimbursements made to Clint Lynch for the history fair special awards nor the commission's P.O. box fees. Clint has confirmed, however, that he received reimbursement. These charges should be reflected in the upcoming Treasurer's report. Greta Watson made a motion, seconded by Amanda Dyer, to accept the Treasurer's report.

Agenda items included the following:

- **Elections:** Vice Chair Clint Lynch briefly reviewed the nominees for the Executive Committee positions: Charles Barrow for Chair, Clint Lynch for Vice Chair, Kevin Stone for Treasurer, and Thomas DeShong for Secretary. A vote of acclamation was held, and the slate of officers was approved for the upcoming two-year term.

- **Texas Association of Museums Annual Conference:** Clint Lynch reminded the commission that Waco will be hosting the TAM annual meeting in 2022. The commission has been asked to sponsor the event as a historical entity. Shirley Woodlock made a motion, seconded by Clint Lynch to support this sponsorship. Moving forward, newly-elected Chair Charles Barrow will get in contact with Reagan Copeland to ensure the County Commissioners are in support of this sponsorship.

Committee Reports:

Marker Committee-Clint Lynch: Clint reported that there were three marker applications being prepped for submission: the Katy Ballpark marker, the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and School marker, and the Pleasant Grove Baptist Cemetery marker. Clint invited guest Charles Perkins to speak briefly on the history of the church and school. There has been no word on the progress of the Jesse Washington and Evangelia Settlement markers.

Medallion Committee-Sean Sutcliffe: No report given.

Projects Committee-Watson Arnold: No report given.

Texas Treasure Business Award Committee-Shirley Woodlock: Shirley reported that she has three applications ready to go but is currently awaiting feedback concerning questions on the application forms. She also identified Tony DeMaria's Bar-B-Que as another potential recipient of the award.

Video Committee-Clint Lynch: Nothing new to report.

Website and Public Relations Committee-Clint Lynch: Clint reported inquiries through the website have slowed down a bit but that he will continue to refer to members of the commission when appropriate.

New Business: Kevin Stone gave a brief report on his efforts at Liberty Hill Cemetery and expressed the challenges of identifying current ownership. Various commission members offered potential sources and suggestions, and the possibility was raised of the commission potentially volunteering to help clean up the cemetery as a service project. However, nothing has been decided upon yet.

Thomas DeShong reported briefly on the Heart of Texas Regional History Fair. Thomas, Amanda Dyer, Sylvia Hernandez, and Shirley Woodlock corresponded through email in determining the winners for the award which included projects on Fred Gildersleeve, W.E.B. DuBois, and the integration of La Vega and Carver schools.

Requests for Future Agenda Items: Byron Johnson stated that he wants the commission to be more involved in the community, particularly as we transition back to in-person meetings. He requested this be put on the agenda for the next meeting to address some potential options.

Adjournment: The next meeting will likely be held online through Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic. The date and time of the meeting, as of now, have not been set, though the commission will likely meet in May. A move to adjourn was made by Shirley Woodlock and seconded by John Kamenech at 10:49 a.m. All in approval.

Submitted by Thomas A. DeShong, Secretary