

**Minutes of Meeting  
Coppell Historical Society  
October 14, 2017**

Present: Patti Carpenter, William Henze, Kent Underwood, Cecil Dobecka, Mary Caswell Sinclair, John Caswell, Martha-Allison Blewer, Judy Conger, Pat Lambert, Cliff Long, Chris Long, Don Carter, Betsy Wilcox, Kathryn Walker, Sue Miller, Pat Quinlan, Ron L. Chapman, Beverly Ihnfeldt, Jackie Parrish, Barbara Lee, Joyce Webb, Lloyd A. Webb, Pete Wilson

Pre-Business Meeting Program: Pat Lambert introduced Michael Walker, Kathryn Walker, Mary Sinclair (daughter of Erma Ihnfeldt), John Caswell, Ken Underwood, and Beverly Ihnfeldt as guests at our meeting. Michael Walker's family lived next door to the Erma Ihnfeldt family for many years when both families lived on Sandy Lake Road. Michael shared his many memories of visiting Erma Ihnfeldt in the house that is now part of Heritage Park. The Ihnfeldt relatives and family also toured the Ihnfeldt House and recounted facts about the building. The presentation was recorded by Ron Chapman and other members.

The business meeting was called to order in the Kirkland House by President Patti Carpenter at 1:45 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the amendment from Pete Wilson that the treasurer's name, Jan Lorrain, was left off the list of newly-elected officers. Moved by Pat Lambert; seconded by Joyce Webb.

The treasurer's report, delivered by Pete Wilson on behalf of Jan Lorrain, showed:

City of Coppell Grant Fund	
Beginning and ending balance	\$ 9, 436.43
General Fund	
Beginning balance (including \$711.83 donation by Scout Troupe that was not recorded last month)	\$ 3,240.00
Income:	
Dues	140.00
Donation from Lou Duggan for his giving a book review	
	150.00
Total Income	\$290.00
Expenses: (none)	
Ending balance	\$ 3,530.00

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Report of Committees:

Archives Committee. Ron Chapman, chairperson, reported that Society's files have been removed to the Society's filing cabinets at the library. He has been working diligently to further organize and label

the files. He asked and received the donation of plastic photo sheets into which he can place miscellaneous photos, hopefully to be utilized to identify persons in the photos.

Heritage Park Committee: Pat Quinlan, chairperson, reported that the next project in connection with the Ihnfeldt House is to construct the sidewalk that must be laid before the public can use the building. She presented a bid for constructing the sidewalk of \$3,650 by a contractor she has used personally. Don Carter moved and Ron Chapman seconded that the bid be accepted, and the motion carried unanimously. However, a later proposed amendment by Lloyd Webb suggested that it is important to get a second bid. A majority vote with one opposition and one abstention passed the amendment.

Pete Wilson reported that a plaque for the Ihnfeldt House, similar to the ones on the Kirkland House and Minyard Store, will cost slightly less than \$300. He moved that the expenditure be approved; Jackie Parrish seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Historical Marker Committee will proceed to work on the text of the plaque.

Education Committee: Pat Lambert, chairperson, reported on recent educational activities:

The pumpkin painting by kids and businesses went well today at the open house. Photos of the “artwork” will appear in the *Citizen’s Advocate*. Don Carter was asked to post them, also, to Facebook and possibly our website.

The visitors who attended our meeting today provided valuable information about the newest addition to Heritage Park.

A photo of a potential Witness Tree in town has been presented to the committee.

Docent Committee: Phil LaBerge, the new chairperson, was not present, but he sent suggestions that the Society consider more open houses and special signs that can be placed near major intersections when Heritage Park is open. Comments were made that the open houses were originally scheduled to coordinate with times that the Farmers Market is open, and signs at intersections are heavily regulated by the city. Further consideration of the suggestions is needed.

Old Business:

Pete Wilson reported that he is in the process of getting bids on printing hard copies of the Fourth Grade History “book” that the Society has made for Coppell ISD. All elements of the book are ready to be printed, including some original student artwork. The bids are taking longer than expected. The Society has already approved \$400 for the project, and Pete anticipates ordering 70 copies. If the cost is more than \$400, he will return to the Society for approval.

New Business:

William Henze reported that two house lots along S. Coppell Road have been approved for re-zoning. Both can be considered historically significant. William expressed some concern that our Historical Survey, often used by the city, sometimes does not list all buildings that should be notated as important.

Pete Wilson explained that an anonymous donor has purchased a ½ page \$100 advertisement for the Society in the year's programs for the Coppell Community Chorale. Due to a quick deadline, he presented a layout for the ad. The membership agreed that it was appropriate for inclusion.

Pete Wilson reported that the Society had received an invitation to participate in the city's new Kaleidoscope activity on Saturday, October 21. It had been decided that the Society could not muster the volunteers needed to man a booth at the event. However, at the last minute, the City Manager requested again that the Society participate, with a deadline of yesterday for response. Therefore, Pete agreed to make the event and asked the Society for help. Ron Chapman (and later Sue Miller and Judy Conger) agreed to help Pete accomplish the task. The booth will be a general information booth with a couple of artifacts and photos on display and a docent in costume.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

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Current Officers of the Society:

President – Patti Carpenter  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President (Programming/Education) – Pat Lambert  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (Archives) – Ron L. Chapman  
Recording Secretary – Pete Wilson  
Corresponding Secretaries – Barbara Lee & Jackie Parrish  
Membership Secretary – Shaun Jex  
Treasurer – Jan Lorrain

Current Committees of the Society:

Archives: Ron L. Chapman, Chairperson; Phil LaBerge, Cecil Dobecka, Judy Conger  
Docents: Phil LaBerge, Chairperson; Sue Miller  
Heritage Park: Pat Quinlan, Chairperson; Chris Long  
Ihnfeldt House Interior: Jean Murph, Chairperson; Martha-Allison Blewer, Pat Quinlan,  
Pat Lambert, Patti Carpenter  
Education/Programming: Pat Lambert, Chairperson; Jean Murph, Sue Miller  
Historical Markers: Pete Wilson, Chairperson; Jean Murph, Ron L. Chapman, Pat Quinlan,  
Judy Conger