

**Minutes of Meeting  
Coppell Historical Society  
October 8, 2016**

Present: Pete Wilson, Jean Murph, Sue Miller, Iginia Alamo, Dave Murph, Pat Lambert, Pat Quinlan, Lloyd Webb, Joyce Webb, Chris Long, Jackie Parrish, Cecil Dobecka, Martha-Allison Blewer, Shaun Jex, Don Carter, Jan Lorrain

The meeting was called to order in the Kirkland House at 1:00 p.m. by President Don Carter.

Jean Murph reported that the archeological dig earlier this morning behind Grow It Nursery on Denton Tap was attended by a number of participants, including some scouts. Due to expansion by the nursery, not many important items were located.

The dedication ceremony for the historical marker at the Community Gardens near the Farmers Market was this morning. Representatives spoke briefly about the garden, the slabs used to border the garden, and the marker. The cooperation of the Society, the City, and the Rotary Club was recognized.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously. Moved by Jean Murph; seconded by Jan Lorrain.

The treasurer's report by Jan Lorrain showed the following information, which included revisions to last month's report:

General Fund:	
Income (Dues, donation from Coppell Women's Club)	\$340.00
Expenses (Chamber of Commerce dues)	\$199.00
Ending balance	\$6,476.73
City Grant Fund	
(no activity since last report)	
Ending balance	\$7,096.75

Cecil Dobecka inquired about the benefit of our being a member of the Chamber of Commerce, with annual dues of \$199. Cliff Long explained that benefits include a listing in the directory and identification with the city-centered efforts of the Chamber.

The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously. Moved by Pete Wilson; seconded by Sue Miller.

Committee Reports:

Historical Marker Committee. Pete Wilson was thanked for his work on the historical markers. Jean Murph pointed out that the Society has plans to produce a map of the markers in town.

Education Committee. Jean Murph gave an update on progress on the Ihnfeldt House. The ramp and porch have been completed by the Eagle Scouts. A dedication service by the Scouts is planned for tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. Cecil Dobecka is going to address removing, repairing, and painting the decorative “dental” work on the front of the house.

The committee to address the interior of the Ihnfeldt House is to start planning shortly, and the landscaping committee will meet soon.

Additional volunteers added to the Wilson House sub-committee of the Heritage Park Committee (chaired by Pat Quinlan) include Sue Miller, Martha-Allison Blewer, Pete Wilson, Pat Lambert, Jackie Parrish, and Jan Lorrain.

Jean Murph received permission to get a quote on printing 100 booklets of our Fourth Grade history document that is now being used online by all elementary schools in Coppell. Sue Miller suggested that the history be revised as time goes on. Jean responded that the document is a reflection of the school’s curriculum and therefore its revision will be dictated by updates to the curriculum.

Acquisitions Committee. Pat Quinlan reported receiving historically significant items as follows: (1) a console radio and Victrola, records, 2 oil lamps, a child’s sewing kit, a dictionary, and a stereopticon from Evelyn Otto; (2) a folding chair; (3) a pitchfork; (4) shovel; (5) a cotton scale weight; (6) a small wooden bucket.

Archives Committee. Dave Murph reported that after the new library opens, his committee will contact the librarian to facilitate moving our archives there.

New Business and Announcements:

Cliff Long was thanked for representing the Society at City Council meetings.

Lloyd Webb is now President-Elect of the Denton County Historical Commission. Lloyd’s presentation about Chisolm, given to the Society at its last meeting, is now available online through the Denton County historical website.

The new book, Coppell: A History by Jean Murph and Lou Duggan, has just been published and is available through Amazon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.