

**Minutes of Meeting
Coppell Historical Society
February 11, 2017**

Present: Pete Wilson, Patti Carpenter, Mary Foreman, Ron L. Chapman, Cliff Long, Barbara Lee, Chris Long, Pat Lambert, Martha-Allison Blewer, David Murph, Jean Murph, Judy Conger, Joyce Web, Lloyd A. Webb

In the absence of Don Carter, the meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. in the Kirkland House by Vice-President Patti Carpenter.

Before the business meeting, the program consisted of Jean Murph and Dave Murph reviewing two items of interest. First, the new Coppell Life Safety Park opened last weekend, and the Historical Society had a presence, presenting historic photos, presents for kids, and a game related to the railroad. Secondly, Dave Murph reviewed some past outstanding activities of the Society which were attended by dignitaries: John Crane of the Summerly Foundation at the Preservation Conference; Gary Smith from Dallas' Heritage Park, advising on Coppell's historical activities; the Texas Historical Commission participating in the Society's archeological dig at North Lake. Dave reminded the membership of some of the important elements for a non-profit society: groups engaged in society; funding; strategic planning, strong leadership with smooth transition in leadership; collaboration with other community groups; good digital presence; care of resources; not over-memorizing funding considerations.

Jean asked for any suggestions for the official opening of the Farmers Market on April 1.

After refreshments, the business meeting started at 1:41 p.m.

Lloyd Webb suggested a correction to the minutes of the last meeting to reflect an approved motion to send a thank you note to Kurt Carpenter for his work on the Ihnfeldt House. The minutes were approved as corrected. Moved by Dave Murph; seconded by Pat Jean Murph.

In the absence of Jan Lorrain, Pete Wilson presented the treasurer's report as prepared by Jan.

City of Coppell Grant Fund		
No activity		
Balance		\$7,096.75
General Fund		
No income		
Expenses:		
	Preliminary wiring for Ihnfeldt House	\$2,400.00
	Post office box rental, one year	48.00
	Bank service fee	12.00
	Total Expenses	\$ 2,460.00
Balance		\$2,406.73

Jan reported that the tax return has been filed for the year. An additional \$400.00 has been paid for electrical work, but the check has not yet cleared.

The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously. Moved by Lloyd Webb; seconded by Pat Lambert.

Committee Reports:

Archives Committee: Dave Murph reported that the committee met at the renovated library and that the Society's two filing cabinets are located in a staff area where the public will gain access by having the librarians bring out materials when requested. Once more organizational work is done on the Society's documents, they will be moved to the library.

Historical Markers Committee: Pete Wilson reminded the members that additional markers will probably be in the future for the railroad depot site, the Trinity River, and possibly Andy Brown Park. The depot marker has been awaiting the completion of the Life Safety Park, and now it is time to begin preliminary work on that marker. A smaller, individual plaque, like the ones on the Kirkland House and the Minyard Store should be located on the Ihnfeldt House, but that should be accomplished after the house has its final coat of paint, to be done by Rory Carrick in two months. The marker committee is charged with working with the Carpenter family to put an additional small plaque on the ramp of the Ihnfeldt House in commemoration of Kurt Carpenter's contribution of additional funds he collected but didn't use for the installation of the handicap ramp. Kurt plans to be at the next meeting to present the funds. Lloyd Webb moved and Jean Murph seconded that the plaque be approved, pending the involvement of the Marker Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Historic Preservation Committee: Pat Lambert reported that a number of activities for children have been accomplished at the community gardens, where the Society located its last marker.

Education Committee: Jean Murph reported that the official opening of the Farmers Market is April 1, and the Society needs to have an activity there. The open houses, hosted by the docents as scheduled by Betsy Wilcox, will begin in April.

Old Business:

The Ihnfeldt House committee is organizing to outfit the inside of the house. The electrical work is almost totally finished. Jean Murph is working with City Manager Clay Phillips to facilitate getting electrical power run into the house. The purchase of air conditioners is awaiting a possible grant from Home Depot or Lowe's.

Jean Murph moved that the Society approve the expenditure of approximately \$400 to make some minor repairs inside the house. Martha-Allison Blewer seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

The members were reminded that Jean Murph and Lou Duggan are donating their income from their book to the Society.

New Business:

Cliff Long suggested that we include a photo on all our new historical plaques, like the one on the community gardens plaque.

We may be able to get financial contribution from other groups for future historical markers, like the participation of the Rotary Club for the Community Gardens marker. This involves other groups in our activities.

Patti Carpenter suggested that the Society might ask the City Council to proclaim a George Coppel Day.

Cliff Long is going to concentrate more on keeping the City Council informed of the Society's activities, since he is our liaison.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.