

**Minutes of Meeting
Coppell Historical Society
February 13, 2016**

Present: Martha-Allison Blewer, Betsy Wilcox, Cecil Dobecka, Jean Murph, Sue Miller, William Henze, Dave Murph, Pat Quinlan, Chris Long, Cliff Long, Jan M. Lorrain, Pat Lambert, Barbara Lee, Richard Lee, Patti Carpenter, Brian Chong, Sarah Carrick, Rory Carrick, Lloyd A. Webb, Joyce Webb, Pete Wilson

In the absence of President Don Carter, Patti Carpenter called the meeting to order in the Kirkland House at 1:06 p.m.

Jean Murph introduced Sarah and Rory Carrick, who are donating the Infeldt House. A life-time membership in the Society was given to them. Other new guests were recognized, also.

Betsy Wilcox presented a program on Early American Justice. She referred to a book published in 1834, Tennessee Justices' Manual. Her great-great-grandfather was a Justice in Tennessee. The book was a guide for Justices from Arkansas Tennessee, and Texas for addressing penalties for various civil and criminal acts. Betsy also told some of the history of the Texas Rangers.

At 1:48 p.m. the business meeting was called to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Moved by Jean Murph; seconded by Sue Miller.

The treasurer's report by Jan Lorrain included the following:

Grant Fund:

No income.

Expense: Senior Center Display Case Supplies, \$76.80

Current Balance: \$14,691.68

General Operating Fund:

Income: Funds transferred from CD account, \$19,740.80

Expense: GPF Architects, for work done to date on the Infeldt House, \$1,000

Balance: \$29,548.71

The CD has been liquidated and transferred to the General Fund in order to fund the relocation of the Infeldt House. There was a penalty for withdrawing the funds before the due date of \$634.20.

The treasurer's report was approved. Moved by Pete Wilson; seconded by Jean Murph.

Committee Reports:

Archive Committee: Dave Murph reported that all work is completed to date.

Heritage Park Committee: Pat Quinlan reported that the floor of the front porch of the Kirkland House has been repaired.

Historic Preservation Committee: Pat Lambert reported that some plants have been set out in the small garden at the flagpole in the Main Street area.

Historical Marker Committee: Pete Wilson reported that four markers are almost ready to be ordered. He is waiting on two minor developments.

Education Committee: Jean Murph recognized the docents present at the meeting and thanked them for their service with gifts.

Future scheduled programs include: April – a presentation by Theatre Coppell; May 14 – a display of collections from individuals such as books, inkwells, etc. Anyone wishing to display his collection should let Jean know.

An online supplement for fourth grade history lessons is being prepared by the Education Committee. Coppell Elementary School history teachers can access the lessons at the end of units of study to give students information about local history. Eventually, the lessons can be collected into a booklet. Various Society members are writing the chapters.

Old Business: Dave Murph reported that an update to the Society's display case at the Senior Citizens' Center is almost finished. It is a display about local archeology, largely assembled by Jan and Paul Lorrain. Pam Takesh has been in charge of preparing the visuals for the display. Although Pam has not asked for pay for her work, Dave asked if the Society might pay her something since Pam has a business that does this kind of work. Jean Murph moved and Pete Wilson seconded that Pam be paid \$100 for each display she handles. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Pete Wilson reported on the Infeldt House project. The house is to be moved this Wednesday night. All requirements of the city have been met. Two impediments have come up suddenly: Another tree has to be removed and Rory Craddick and Cecil Dobecka, with help from Bill Wilson, will remove it; the stamped concrete sidewalk will have to be extended eventually, and this could be a major expense.

The most immediate obligation is to restore the west side of the house when it is in place, and the Society has until July to do this. All other rebuilding (handicapped ramps, the other sides of the house, electricity, etc., can be addressed as the Society has the resources to accomplish it. The Infeldt House task force is addressing all issues about the house and is currently seeking volunteers to work on the house and the contribution of materials and specialized labor. Pete pointed out that, once the building is in use, all expenses, such as electricity, insurance, maintenance, etc., will have to be covered by the Society until a future date when the city will take over the entire parcel of land as part of Heritage Park.

Jean Murph read a suggestion from her son regarding an idea to memorialize the Dallas Cowboys' presence in Coppell. Ideas included a statue or other monument, possibly in one of the parks, and a time capsule. A committee was appointed to look into the idea. The members are Jean Murph, Sue Miller, Martha-Allison Blewer, and Sarah Carrick.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.