

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

Present: Pat Quinlan, Pat Lambert, Barbara Lee, Lloyd A. Webb, Joyce Webb, Betsy Wilcox, Martha-Allison Blewer, Sue Miller, Iginia Alamo, Jan M. Lorrain, Bob Russell, Phil LaBerge, Ron L. Chapman Dave Murph, Pete Wilson, Don Carter

The meeting in the Kirkland House was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Vice-President Pat Lambert. (President Don Carter arrived later and assumed leadership of the meeting.)

The minutes of the last meeting were corrected to reflect an item in the treasurer's report: A check for \$400 had not yet been sent to the electrician. Since then, it has been sent. The motion to approve as corrected was made by Betsy Wilcox; seconded by Ron Chapman.

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

City Grant Fund

Income, grant money from the city	\$10,000.00	
Expenses, items for the Ihnfeldt House	\$ 66.00	
Current balance		\$17,030.75

General Fund

Income, none		
Expenses, bank service fee	\$ 12.00	
Balance		\$2,394.73

Checks written but not reflected on report yet: \$343.43, for Ihnfeldt House items
\$400.00, for electrician

The treasurer's report was accepted. Moved by Lloyd Webb; seconded by Sue Miller.

Committee Reports:

Heritage Park – Martha-Allison Blewer reported that the Ihnfeldt Committee has purchased picture frames for the house.

Ihfeldt House – Electrical work and interior repairs are progressing. The Carricks are still planning to paint the exterior of the house in the spring. Sarah Carrick is pursuing a Home Depot grant for the air conditioning units. The electrician is prepared to install electrical outlets for the units when we are ready.

Pete Wilson moved and Sue Miller seconded that \$400 be approved for the electrician to install electrical outlets for the A/C units once it is determined that the units are suitable for the house. The motion passed unanimously. Dave Murph will speak to the electrician once again about the appropriateness of two A/C units.

Historic Preservation – A request has been received from a local citizen to do some repair work in the Bullock Cemetery. Cliff Long will follow up to determine exactly what work would be done.

Archives – Dave Murph reported that the committee met again for several hours and did more work on organizing files that will be moved to the library. He estimates that one more work session will be needed.

Education – Dave Murph reported for Jean Murph that the schools are working on a student-created cover for our fourth grade history book.

On April 8, during our regular open house, a group of Girl Scouts will be hosting a walking tour of the town's historical sites. They will be visiting Heritage Park.

Jean suggested that the Society sponsor a hot dog cookout on May 13 in conjunction with the Farmers Market, 11:00 to 1:00. Betsy Wilcox moved; Martha-Allison Blewer seconded that the activity take place. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Martha-Allison Blewer asked for ideas for outfitting the interior of the Ihnfeldt House. Pat Lambert suggested interactive activities. Phil LaBerge mentioned that the Texas State Museum has information on the history of cotton crops, which were common in the Coppell area.

New Business:

Christine Douglas from the Chamber of Commerce has been brainstorming ideas for Old Town activities. She is hoping to host an event in June.

Bob Russell, a new member, was recognized and welcomed. He has photos that we may want to add to our photo collection.

Public meetings regarding the DART rail extension are taking place. Plans for opening the line through Coppell are ahead of schedule and the opening may take place as early as 2022. The DART station will not be on Coppell property, although the line will cross through Coppell, giving Coppell a chance for input into the plans. The design of the station, to be located in Cyprus Waters, has not been finalized, and public input will be sought.

Open Forum:

Pete Wilson reported that there will be a fund-raiser for the Coppell Arts Council on April 8, starting at 6:00 p.m. It is called ArtSplash and will be a walking tour of the new outdoor sculptures that the Council and the City have installed in Old Town and along the trail to Grapevine Springs.

Cliff Long reported that he and Chris will be sponsoring an open house in their new home in Old Town on April 1. Active Historical Society members will be invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.