

Minutes of Meeting Coppell Historical Society, March 13, 2016

Present: Judy Conger, Sue Miller, Martha-Allison Blewer, Barbara Lee, Richard Lee, Patti Smith, William Henze, Pat Quinlan, Tginia Alamr, Betsy Wilcox, Phil LaBerge, Joyce Webb, Lloyd A. Webb, Cliff Long, Sarah Carrick, Pat Lambert, Amanda Austin, Cecil Dobecka, Karen Gillham, Shaun Jex, Pete Wilson

In the absence of President Don Carter, Pat Lambert called the meeting to order in the Kirkland House at 1:03 p.m.

Amanda Austin, the new manager of the Farmers Market, assisted by Karen Gillham, presented a short program about the Farmers Market. She detailed ways that the Market and the Historical Society can work together:

Sponsoring a marker at the new garden that will exhibit plants that are sold at the market; Society members could be involved in volunteering for children's programs at this garden.

Utilizing a booth at the Market once a year.

Providing pamphlets for the literature rack.

Being included in the Market's newsletter.

Providing signs at the Market that will advertise the Society's open houses or other activities.

In response to questions, Amanda provided the following answers:

She is charged with, among other things, leading the volunteers, education, steering the market for the future, marketing, and communicating with vendors.

Customers at the market should talk directly to vendors to ascertain what products are organic.

The business portion of the meeting began at 1:36 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Moved by Pat Lambert; seconded by Shaun Jex.

There was no treasurer's report due to the sudden illness of Treasurer Jan Lorrain.

Committee Reports:

Historical Markers. Pete Wilson reported that all four new marker sets have been ordered. Shop drawings, proofs, and cost estimates will be forthcoming.

Historical Preservation. Pat Lambert reported that plants are starting to grow at the educational garden at the Farmers Market. There will be a 9:30 a.m. presentation about the plants when the Market is open.

Acquisitions. Pat Quinlan reported that the committee has accepted two marble top end tables from donor Jan Brick.

Education. In the absence of Jean Murph, Pat Quinlan reported that the 4th Grade History Project is now complete, having been installed on the school's website. All schools in CISD will eventually be able to use the materials and will be able to print out hard copies if desired. There was a question about whether the Society can print out book copies. This is possible if the Society wishes to undertake the project.

Upcoming programs for the Society include:

April – A scene by Theatre Coppell from “Driving Miss Daisy.”

May – Collections Day. At 9:00 a.m., during the open house, about 20 personal collections will be on display, such as inkwells, thimbles, knickknacks, etc. Members are encouraged to respond to Jean if they have a collection they would be willing to exhibit.

Items can be related to Coppell or not. Member volunteers will be needed to help monitor the event.

The display case at the Senior Center has been completed. It contains archeological items and information.

Jean Murph sent a request that the Society consider instituting life time memberships. Shaun Jex asked that if we collect a once-in-a-lifetime amount from a member and benefit immediately from the income, wouldn't it hinder future income from continuing dues. However, he agreed that an amount like \$50 for the lifetime membership would only offset five year's worth of dues. Pete Wilson moved and Betsy Wilcox seconded that we institute lifetime memberships for \$50. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Pete Wilson reported that progress is being made on the Ihnfeldt House. It is currently awaiting being lowered to its foundation. The task force is looking into ways to begin the rebuilding of at least the part of the house that the city has required to be finished by summer. Volunteer labor and the donation of materials are being addressed.

Betsy Wilcox continues to seek additional docents. She is asking that anyone who serves as a docent commit to at least two Saturday open houses per year.

New Business:

William Henze pointed out that there is an interesting website that shows aerial views of Coppell, categorized by years. He suggested that members may want to take a look at it. Historicalaerials.com.

Pete Wilson displayed a Coppell telephone directory from 1955 that was used in Coppell and Keller. It was donated by Marlene Thiede. Pete will scan the directory for the Society's photo collection and then place it in the Kirkland House.

Pete also reported that he has cooperated with the Chamber of Commerce, which is printing its annual directory with a two-page layout about Coppell history. Pete provided several edits for the text.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.