

**Minutes of Meeting
Coppell Historical Society
April 11, 2015**

Present: Jackie Parrish, Lloyd A. Webb, Joyce Webb, Sue Miller, Isabel Mascarenhas, Shaun Jex, Barbara Lee, Pat Lambert, Don Carter, Martha-Allison Blewer, Patricia Carpenter, Jan M. Lorrain, Shri Rao, Pete Wilson

President Don Carter called the meeting to order in the Kirkland House at 1:03 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the following correction: It was not Pat Lambert who stated that the city believed that the mitigation fee for removing trees was is too low to deter developers from carelessly removing trees. Moved by Jackie Parrish; seconded by Lloyd Webb.

The treasurer's report by Jan Lorrain was accepted. Moved by Pete Wilson; seconded by Jackie Parrish.

City Grant Fund:

No income;

Expenses: \$1,109.44 for website design; \$179.55 for Educational activity supplies; \$1,614.50 for final payment on two historical plaques; \$65.66 for printing revised brochures for Farmers' Market.

Balance: \$7,230.38

General Fund:

No expenses; no income.

Balance: \$10,746.40

CD Balance, approximately \$20,326.47

Committee reports:

Archives Committee: For Dave Murph, Pete Wilson reported that there are still plans to visit the library to determine how the Society's collection there will be handled during the library building's closure.

Martha-Allison Blewer presented copies of her motion which was passed two months ago regarding the preservation of Jean Murph's newspaper editorials concerning the city's involvement in changing the historic entrance to Grapevine Springs Park and how the city communicated with the public during those proposed changes. Pete Wilson confirmed that the minutes reflected the passage of motion on December 13, 2014, and that the editorials are digitized and are also to be placed in the Society's archives.

Historical Marker Committee: Pete Wilson reported that one of the two new historical plaques has been installed on the new replicated stone columns on S. Coppell Road. The second is to be installed by the streets department on Moore Road at the Bethel School/Church site. So far, since the receipt of the completed plaques, nothing has been done regarding this installation.

Other historical markers scheduled for completion next are the ones near the old water tank in Old Town and, possibly, one on the former post office in Old Town.

Pete also reported that the new sign in front yard of the Kirkland House has been installed. The initial cost estimate was about \$1800, but he suspects that the cost will be more due to the fact that the city decided to have MSigns install the sign and there were some minor changes to the design once the city was asked for input.

Heritage Park: For Pat Quinlan, Pete Wilson reported that the new wallpaper has been successfully installed on the diningroom ceiling of the Kirkland House.

Historic Preservation: Pat Lambert reported that she has received no word regarding a presentation to the City Council regarding the new tree ordinance.

Education Committee: The Farmers' Market has given permission for the Society to put up a sign about our open house each month when the Market is in operation.

Shaun Jex suggested that the Society pursue the idea of manning a table at the Farmers' Market to publicize the Society. Pat Lambert will look into reserving the one non-profit organization table that's available each month. Shri Rao said that another of the Junior Docents may be available to man the table. The suggestion was referred to Jean Murph, chairperson of the committee.

Pat Lambert has purchased plants to use at the children's sensory garden activity next Saturday. Patti Carpenter is helping with the garden activity. Richard Lee has already set up the garden.

Pete Wilson presented revised brochures for the Farmers' Market which contain the correct weekends for the Society's open houses. (The dates of the open houses were changed from the third week of each month to the second.)

New Business:

Pete Wilson suggested that the Society consider putting small plaques on the items that were donated by individuals to the Kirkland House, such as the icebox, stove, and clock. He will look into the cost.

Shaun Jex reported that he has talked to the city about possibly naming some new streets for some of the early Coppel residents who have not been previously recognized that way, such as the Ottingers and Gentrys. Taking the city's advice, he recommended that the Society write a letter to the city in support of the idea. President Don Carter will work with Shaun to write the letter.

Shaun and Don are also working on an idea to produce postcards that could be sold in the Minyard Store and elsewhere.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.