

Minutes of Meeting Coppell Historical Society, May 14, 2016

Present: Pete Wilson, Barbara Lee, Shaun Jex, Pat Lambert, Pat Quinlan, Betty Carter, Betsy Wilcox, Lloyd A. Webb, Joyce Webb, Patricia Carpenter, Jean Murph, Don Carter, Dave Murph, Richard Lee, Jan Lorrain, Martha-Allison Blewer

President Don Carter called the meeting in the Kirkland House to order at 1:02 p.m.

Don recognized and thanked Jean Murph and everyone who participated in the Society's Collections Day and work on the Ihnfeldt House.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Moved by Jean Murph; seconded by Pat Quinlan.

The treasurer's report by Jan Lorrain was as follows:

City Grant Fund:

No activity

Present balance: \$10,882.88

General Operating Fund:

Income: Dues \$10.00

Present balance: \$12,299.92

Jan reported a contribution from the Coppell Rotary Club of \$200 to be used to help pay for the historical marker at the garden spot in Old Town.

The treasurer's report was approved. Moved by Pat Lambert; seconded by Pat Quinlan.

Don Carter reported that the annual grant proposal of \$10,000 has been submitted to the City Council.

Pete Wilson commented that we are committed to paying our \$4,000 share of the moving expense of the Ihnfeldt House. Jean Murph mentioned that there are several other invoices related to restoration of the Ihnfeldt House that we are about to pay. All these expenses have been previously approved.

Committee reports:

Archive Committee: No recent activity to report.

Acquisitions Committee: Pat Quinlan reported that gifts of tablecloths, dish towels, etc., have been received from Mary Foreman. Francis Stewart has donated first and fourth grade readers.

Historical Marker Committee: Pete Wilson reported that we are still awaiting shipment of the latest four markers. This order is taking a bit longer than usual due to the fact that a photo is being incorporated into one of the markers. Upon notification from the foundry, we will be remitting the final payment of \$3,808.80.

Historical Preservation Committee: No recent activity to report.

Education Committee: Jean Murph thanked all those who have helped so far with the renovation of the Ihnfeldt House. From the many volunteers who have helped, we have already doubled the number of participants on our docent list.

The annual summer camp will be held on Monday of the first week in June for two hours.

Dave Murph reminded everyone that the Society's historical display at the Senior Citizens' Center is complete. It is a display of the Native American presence in the Coppell area, featuring artifacts that were collected by Paul and Jan Lorrain.

Betsy Wilcox reported that docents are already scheduled for the months of June, July, and August. She also read a letter from Phil LaBerge regretting that he cannot attend today's meeting or participate in the Collections Day due to business travel. However, Phil is hoping, while on his business trip, to visit the former town in Ontario named Coppell. It was named for Herbert Coppell, the son of our George Coppell. Herbert succeeded his father as a partner in the firm that facilitated the opening of a railroad line in Canada.

Ihnfeldt House Task Force: Pete Wilson deferred to Patti Carpenter and Jean Murph for a report on the Ihnfeldt House. Patti reported that we have applied for approval of the plans to build the porch and handicap ramp. Boy Scouts will begin that work when school is dismissed for the summer. The damaged part of the roof, siding on the back, and wood around the bottom of the house have all been replaced. There is another workday scheduled for next Saturday, May 14, to complete the scraping of the old paint before the new paint can be applied.

Jean Murph reported that individuals and groups who have helped so far, in addition to many other members of the Society, include Cecil Dobecka, Pat Quinlan, the Carricks, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the First Methodist Church, and the National Honor Society. The Monk family gave two \$150 gift cards to purchase materials. Jean thanked the Wilson family for its cooperation in allowing the house to be moved onto its property. When asked, Pete Wilson confirmed that his family has no preference for the type of restoration or use of the interior of the building; his family's initial interest was just in the type of exterior restoration and its maintenance by the Society or city.

Patti Carpenter will oversee a task force to deal with eventual landscaping around the Ihnfeldt House. Jean Murph will oversee a task force to address interior work.

Old Business:

Jan Lorrain is taking charge of completing the inventory of the items in the Minyard Store. Several members have taken items to do research for inclusion on the inventory; Jan asks that the items now be returned.

New Business:

A nominating committee composed of Jean Murph, Patti Carpenter, Joyce Webb, and Don Carter will present a slate of officers for the coming year at the September meeting.

Jean Murph moved that the Executive Committee meet on May 21 at 10:00 a.m. at Dave Murph's office in Coppell to discuss plans for next year. After a second by Pete Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum:

Betsy Wilcox mentioned that Judy Conger's mother has passed away. Barbara Lee, our corresponding secretary, presented a condolences card that was signed by members and will be mailed on behalf of the Society.

Membership dues are due in September.

Shaun Jex reported that Coppell Middle School West has asked if materials are available for history lessons, similar to the local history supplements that the Education Committee has created for the fourth grade. The committee commented that those lessons can probably be used at the middle school level, also.

Patti Carpenter commented on the importance of creating living histories by persons who have personal ties with Coppell and the area. Don Carter reminded everyone that all our current oral histories are available on our website, CoppellHistoricalSociety.org.

Lloyd Webb is interested in contributing his knowledge of Jessie Chisholm to the Society's documentation of Sam Houston's visit to Grapevine Springs. Chisholm, whose name was appropriated for the Chisholm Trail, was one of Houston's Indian agents and was instrumental in gathering tribes to attend the signing of the treaty that Houston created.

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