

Coppell Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting
September 10, 2016

Present: Pete Wilson, Joyce Webb, Lloyd A. Webb, Cliff Long, Martha-Allison Blewer, Jackie Parrish, Sue Miller, Eddie Stewart, Francie Stewart, Leigh Walker, Jan M. Lorrain, Dave Murph, Patti Huff Smith, Barbara Lee, Richard Lee, Betsy Wilcox, Pat Lambert, Don Carter, Karen Kloepper, Jackie Beard

In the absence of Don Carter, President, Pat Lambert called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. in the Kirkland House. Don Carter arrived shortly thereafter and assumed leadership of the meeting.

Cliff Long introduced Lloyd A. Webb, who presented a short program on Jesse Chisholm. Chisholm (not to be confused with John Chisum, a cattle rancher in Denton County) owned and operated trading posts and was a trusted liaison to Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, who was initiating treaty negotiations with Indian tribes in North Texas in the 1860s. Chisholm was instrumental in bringing tribal chiefs to Bird's Fort and Grapevine Springs and in implementing the first of these treaties. Because of Chisholm's many trading posts and the freight trails that supplied those posts, the famous Chisholm Trail followed the freight trails and was named for Chisholm.

Business Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously. Moved by Martha-Allison Blewer; seconded by Jan Lorrain.

The treasurer's report by Jan Lorrain included the following activity since the last meeting:

General Fund:

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| Income (Donation and dues) | \$ 370.00 |
| Expenses | |
| (Pizza, Inhofelt expenditures, IRS fee) | 7,671.66 |
| Balance to date | \$ 4,926.88 |

City Grant Fund:

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| Expenses | |
| (Display case, newsletter printing, historical markers) | \$ 4,097.17 |
| Balance to date | \$ 7,096.75 |

The treasurer's report was approved unanimously. Moved by Pete Wilson; seconded by Lloyd Webb.

Committee Reports:

Archives Committee. Dave Murph reported there will be no other activity until the new library opens.

Heritage Park Committee. No report.

Historical Markers Committee. Pete Wilson reported that all four of the new markers have been installed. He expressed some concern that those that are mounted on poles are situated higher than planned, but the height is not too bothersome. The Rotary Club (which contributed to the cost of adding a photo to that marker) and the Farmers Market is planning a dedication service.

Frances Stewart expressed concern that the marker at the site of Bethel School and Bethel Church is located where parking is a problem and is not near a sidewalk. Members pointed out that the marker is located as close as possible to the site of the historic buildings and that the marker is beside a sidewalk and parking is available in front of the marker.

Historic Preservation Committee. No activity.

Education Committee. In the absence of Jean Murph, Dave Murph presented these items:

The exterior of the Ihnfeldt House has been completed, including putting primer paint on it. Final painting will take place in October.

The handicapped ramp is complete and the porch will be built shortly.

Arrangements for interior electrical work is being planned, and a contractor has presented a reasonable estimate of cost, about \$3,000.

Special thanks was expressed to Cecil Dobecka, Sarah and Rory Carrick, the Scouts, the Carpenters, and the Wilson family for their contributions to the Ihnfeldt House work.

Members of the committee to plan the interior outfitting of the Ihnfeldt House has visited museums in Grapevine for ideas, and the committee is starting to plan its work.

The Society's annual archeological dig will be held on October 8, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at a location to be announced. Special recognition to Kelvin Eckberg, who is seriously ill and who has contributed to the Society's digs, will be included at the October dig.

The Society's fourth grade history lessons have been made an official part of CISD's curriculum. Students are being encouraged to visit the historical display at the Senior Center. (Dave Murph suggested that this display be left up longer than most other displays.)

A Girl Scout troupe is planning a walking tour of Old Coppell. The Society will be helping with this project.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Jan Lorrain mentioned that annual dues are now due. (\$10 per person per year.)

Pat Lambert presented the nominating committees' recommendation for officers and committee chairs as follows:

President – Don Carter
1st Vice-President – Patti Carpenter
2nd Vice-President – Pat Lambert
Recording Secretary – Pete Wilson
Corresponding Secretaries – Barbara Lee and Jackie Parrish
Membership Secretary – Shaun Jex
Treasurer – Jan Lorrain

Committee Chairs (who will be included on the Executive Committee, along with the officers):

Heritage Park Committee – Pat Quinlan
Education Committee – Jean Murph
Archives Committee – Dave Murph
Historic Preservation Committee – Pat Lambert
Historical Markers Committee – Pete Wilson

The slate of officers was approved unanimously by acclamation. Moved by Sue Miller; seconded by Martha-Allison Blewer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. Moved by Pat Lambert; seconded by Pete Wilson.