



Collin County Historical Commission
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McKinney, TX 75071

Date: 02.27.2020
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt St., McKinney
6:30 PM

Mary Kaye Adams, County Cruises
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Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Marianne Wells, State Markers, Cemeteries
Jane Yancey, Plano
Jennifer Rogers, Liaison
Judy Florence, Liaison*

*Absent

Call to Order: 6:30

Welcome Guests: Candace Fountoulakis and Kenny Bush representing Young Cemetery (Plano).

Public Comments: The Farmersville Historical Society will hold their annual Luncheon, Fashion Show and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 29, 2020. The guest speaker is Jill Beam and her topic will be "Laughter for the Health of It". The event starts at 11 am and will be held at Farmersville High School. Tickets are available at the door. This event benefits the Bain-Honaker House in Farmersville.

Donna Jenkins and Kathy Lathen (Sam Rayburn House and Library, Bonham) were speakers at the Real Places 2020 Conference held in Austin in January. Marianne Wells and Jane Yancey both attended.

Final Emergency Grant Report-Young Cemetery: Candace Fountoulakis and Kenny Bush presented a Power Point presentation with before and after photos plus a short video of the Young Cemetery which was damaged by a tornado that passed through the area in October 2019. The \$1000 emergency grant helped fund the organization's project of trimming and clear old trees and repair the fence around the cemetery.

Minutes/Roll Call: The minutes were approved as presented. Total volunteer hours: 393.

Treasurer's Report: Of our budget of \$49,900, \$2189 has been spent and \$875 has been encumbered, leaving a balance of \$46,836. We are in balance with the County.

Committee Reports:

Grants: The mandatory Grant Application meeting was held on Monday, February 17 at the Heard-Craig Carriage House in McKinney. There were 25 in attendance, representing 16 historical groups. Most were seasoned attendees with one newly organized group present, the Princeton Historical Society who recently received a 501 (c)(3) designation making the group eligible to apply for grant funds. Betty Pease represented the group. Once the preliminary business was discussed, Paula Ross suggested the representatives share with the group, past projects funded by the CCHC Grants program.

State Markers: ***Aldridge House (Plano):*** Revisions to the marker transcription were sent back.

2020 Markers: Finalizing documents for three applications: Brinlee Cemetery (Melissa), First Baptist Church of Lavon and Princeton Cemetery.

2021 Markers: Marianne Wells has received several marker inquiries in the past few weeks: two Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks (RTHL) and a farm. Marianne is sharing with everyone that narratives are due on September 1, 2020 for submission in April 2021.

Marker Refinishing: The John Abston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Marker Refinishing Team will be working on the Routh Cemetery (Richardson) marker on Saturday, April 4, 2020. It is one of the most visible since it is adjacent to a sidewalk inside an apartment complex and very faded.

Cemeteries: ***Brinlee Cemetery (Melissa):*** The Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC) designation is filed with the deed records, making the cemetery eligible for a state marker.

Smith Cemetery (Frisco-Collin Co.) and Landrum Cemetery (Frisco-Denton Co.): Marianne made contact with Frisco's Director of Development Services about the two cemeteries on the 2500-acre tract being developed for the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) complex. The Director was well aware of the cemeteries and stated the PGA will be required to have a road on at least one side of the cemetery. So far, no development plans have been submitted as they are in the zoning phase.

Potters Field/Mexican Cemetery adjacent to Pecan Grove (McKinney): A descendant wants to form a group to keep the cemetery maintained and erect a fence to separate it from Pecan Grove. Marianne will do research to see if that land was ever deeded. Officials with Pecan Grove do not believe it is part of their parcel of land.

THC 2020 Real Places Conference: Jane Yancey and Marianne had a very interesting 2.5 days attending sessions on Cemeteries, historical programming and challenges for County Historical Commissions. They met the new chair of the Denton Co. Historical Commission and hope to include Denton in our multi-county workshops. The most significant thing Jane and Marianne learned was the current method of cleaning gravestones with biocides can create an even worse problem over time. Marianne is in touch

with the presenter, a building conservator, who has worked on a number of building in Washington, DC where he is located. Marianne will try to meet with him when she is there in May. Both she and Jane felt it was time well spent in Austin with the THC.

County Markers: County Marker committee members are Joy Gough, Linda Hess and Paula Ross. Paula has arranged to pick up files former CCHC member, Kim Peat, has and will start from there.

Educational Programs: Collin McKinney's Amazing Race is scheduled for June 20, 2020. The Heard-Craig Center for the Arts and Chestnut Square are participating. The committee is open to suggestions for favors and any ideas.

Communications: Our FaceBook page is ***Collin County Historical Commission Texas***. It presently has 262 members with the Historic Asset Survey Volunteers post being the most popular with 635 views. The Collin County Genealogy Society post "Oh, the Games People Played" had 55 views and 14 shares. Our Twitter account is ***@CCHC2015***. The most popular post is the Murphy Historical Society's Church visit with 206 views, 80% being first time viewers and prompted an email from Tracy in Australia. The month of March will focus on women's contributions. April will be dedicated to the CCHC Grant members.

Tax Abatement: Tax Abatement is over for this year. The property owners in Farmersville that were denied this year were planning to appeal. Joy Gough has not heard the results of that appeal. Joy is meeting with our County Liaison in March to discuss the current tax abatement process.

Historical Assets Survey: The committee has sent 40 documents to Joy Gough to include in the survey and map.

Donna Jenkins spoke at the Wylie Historical Society about Historical Assets Survey (HAS) and the need for volunteers to research, document, type the narrative and fill in the data form for the schools in Wylie.

The records at the County Clerk's office, the County Superintendent records of common schools at the Collin County History Museum and the 2 copper sheets at the Military Heritage Museum have yet to be researched. With those completed, there will be a number of schools added.

Collin College held a fair on Distance Learning at the Spring Creek campus. Donna was able to attend and made a contact with one of the professors. Donna will meet soon to see if any students are interested in working on either HAS or Collin McKinney's Amazing Race. Donna also plans to visit the Wylie Campus next fall to see if there are any students in that area interested in either of those two projects.

Workshops: The CCHC will sponsor a Costume Workshop hosted by the Collin County History Museum on March 3, 2020. Jamie Seibert, founder of the Women's Vintage Society of Dallas and President of the American Rosie the Riveters Association-North Dallas Chapter, will bring her friends to share the styles from 1910 through 1970's. The event starts at 6 pm and is free.

Preservation Celebration (PC 2020-Anna): Jan Thatcher attended the meeting of the Anna Area Historical Society earlier this afternoon and reports things are on track for the Celebration on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

PC Awards: Nomination deadline is March 27, 2020 by 5 pm. There are 5 categories to be awarded: ***Collin McKinney Achievement Award*** for outstanding achievement of an organization or museum promoting the heritage of the County.

Excellence in Historical Education Award-Recognizes an individual or organization that has promoted historical education about Collin Co.

Leadership in Preservation Award-Recognizes an exemplary Collin Co. city/town, business or developer respecting the County's past through renovating historic buildings or sites.

Living Legacy of Collin Co. Award- Recognizes outstanding achievement of an individual citizen of Collin Co.

Young Visionaries Award- Recognizes an individual (18 year of age or less) or youth organization making a significant contribution to preserving Collin Co, TX historical heritage.

Collin Co. Cruise: Mary Kaye Adams is open for suggestions. She has suggested Dwight D Eisenhower's Birthplace in Denison and has also mentioned the gardens in Pilot Point.

Film Preservation: There is nothing to report at this time.

Speaker's Bureau: There is nothing to report at this time.

Publicity: Jan Samuels sent a press release to the 'Star' papers in Allen and Plano promoting the Preservation Celebration 2020-Anna and has contacted 10-12 schools about the Preservation Celebration Young Visionary Award searching for possible candidates. She also has distributed CCHC brochures to local libraries and Chambers of Commerce throughout the county.

Adjourn: 7:49 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary