



Collin County Historical Commission
Collin County Courthouse
Bloomdale Road
McKinney, TX

Date: June 27, 2019
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt, McKinney
6:30 PM

Mary Kaye Adams, Dallas
Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdosta*
Alfredo Arias, Communications/Media
Catherine Casavant, Treasurer
Larry Collins, Grants
Chris Krupa-Downs, Plano*
Joy Gough, Tax Abatement
Linda Hess, Farmersville
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Diann Jones, Anna*
Lolisa Laenger, CCHC Emeritus*
Diane Miller, Melissa
Kim Peat, Anna
Janice Quick, Film Preservation
Paula Ross, Chair
Jan Samuels, Fairview*
Justin Simmons, Plano
Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Marianne Wells, State Markers*
Jane Yancey, Plano
Eric Nishimoto, Liaison*

Absent*

Call to Order: 6:31

Public Comments: Thank you, Kim Peat for dinner.

The North Collin County Genealogical Society will have Patti Gillespie speak on “Brick Wall Busting Strategies: Hammering at the Wall,” on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:45 at the Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library, 101 E. Hunt St, McKinney, TX.

Murphy's Herring-Hogge Cemetery will have a marker dedication on Sunday, May 31 from 2-4.

The Collin County Historical Commission has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award and will be presented to the Historical Commission by the Commissioners Court on Monday, July 1st at 1:30. All members are welcome to attend.

Sadly, this is Larry Collins last meeting. Larry has served on the Historical Commission for the past 14 years. Larry has been Grant Chair for the past 10 years and was the one who started the successful Grant Program. Larry Collins, thank you for your years of service and dedication. You will be sorely missed.

Minutes/Roll Call: The minutes were approved with corrections. Total volunteer hours are: CCHC-257; Other-45

Treasurer's Report/Financials: Of our budget of \$49,900.00, \$42,500.00 has been spent or encumbered. We have \$7400.00 available. All purchased orders should be in by July. August 30, 2019 is the end of the fiscal year. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

There was a motion made and carried to purchase 75 more marker books for this fiscal year.

Selecting a Nominating Committee: Under Article 5 of the Bylaws a nominating committee is required to compile a slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year. Ballots were tallied and members elected for this year's nominating committee are: Linda Hess, Joy Gough and Donna Jenkins.

Committee Reports

Grants: Fourteen applicants requested \$46,880.19 for grants. The Collin County Historical Commission approved thirteen grant applications on June 27, 2019 based upon recommendations from the grant committee. The committee recommendations will be presented to the Collin County Commissioners Court for approval in August.

Members of the Grant Committee are: Larry Collins, Mary Kay Adams, Joy Gough, Linda Hess, Catherine Casavant and Jan Thatcher.

State Markers: Jane Yancey is working on the Princeton narrative.

Cemeteries: Backbone Cemetery in Culeoka will be surveyed by Jane Yancey and other members of the committee on July 3, 2019.

County Markers/Marker Book: Marker books have arrived and will be distributed to commission members to distribute in their areas.

Educational Programs: A site has been found for the "I Dig" program in Celina. The date is to be determined, either July 27 or August 10. There is no fee, permission has been granted to use the property, materials for the dig have been donated. What is needed is lunch, snacks and water, also a first aid kit. There will be a limit of 15 kids, between the ages of 7-15.

Communications: Twitter has 438 members and is up from last month. Facebook has 205 and is up also. Most popular FaceBook post was Waymon Rose.

Tax Abatement: In order to accommodate the County Appraisal District with the state deadline, the application period for Historic Property Tax ends October 31. Inspections will be done in November. Recommendations will be presented at the December meeting.

This is the first year for the October 31 deadline. The 2020 Tax Abatement Packet will be sent to Eric Nishimoto to post on the county website. Two properties will be removed from the 2019 list for not making repairs for 3 consecutive years.

Historic Asset Survey (HAS): This is what has been accomplished so far this year: Donna Jenkins with Joy Gough's help, revised the HAS forms and sent them to Paula and Eric for approval and uploading to the Collin County Historical Commission (CCHC) website. Updated a list of "out of date information" on the CCHC website and sent it to Eric to make the corrections.

Diann Jones and Donna Jenkins spoke about Historic Asset Survey (HAS) at Collin College. Added Donna Jenkins name to the Speakers Bureau with the hope this will encourage organizations to call upon her to speak and train others to write narratives and add information.

Film Preservation: Reviewed material received from Joy Gough, Chestnut Square and Jan Thatcher. The audio cassette tapes from Joy were primarily oral histories and lectures from the Collin County Historical Society (all recorded in the late 1990's). It was decided to digitize the tapes that had not been digitized. Also decided to digitize two VHS tapes from Chestnut Square which were tour of homes. It was decided to wait until next fiscal year to digitize the 1996 Plano East High School Graduation. Delivered the materials to Owen Benatar of U-Edit Video in McKinney on June 26, 2019.

Speakers Bureau: Donna Jenkins name has been added to the Speakers Bureau. She has volunteered to speak about the Historic Assets Survey. To see the entire list of speakers, see https://www.collincountytx.gov/historical_commission/Pages/CCHC-Speakers-Bureau.aspx

Commission Brochure: The brochure has been updated with feedback from Commission members.

Workshops: Mary Strother and Pat Rodgers with the Collin County History Museum will be hosting a workshop titled "Everyone's Story Matters" on Monday, July 15, 2019 at the Museum. Everyone has a story to tell. Our most treasured family heirlooms are family memories. Learn how to preserve the stories that are all around you. Learn how to ask questions, engage in meaningful conversations, discover the value of listening and record stories and words of wisdom to pass on to future generations. This class will be interactive. A handout will be provided to participants.

At the next Coalition meeting on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 9 am at MPAC in McKinney, Justin Simmons will hold a “mini” workshop on the subject of a 501(c)(3) for a non-profit organization designation and 501(c)(13) non-profit cemetery designation.

Cruise: Bonham, TX is the destination to visit the Sam Rayburn House & Library along with the Fannin County Museum. Lunch will be at Shumardii’s. Bus service is being arranged. The exact route and time schedule still needs to be defined.

Coalition Schedule: *Saturday, July 20, 9 am, at McKinney Performing Art Center (MPAC) and Thursday, October 17, 7 pm.*

Coalition meetings are held quarterly, in January, April, July and October. January and July meetings are held the third Saturday of the month with April and October’s meeting held on the third Thursday of the month. All meetings are held at MPAC basement unless otherwise noted.

Adjourn: 7:46 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary