



Collin County Historical Commission
Collin County Courthouse
2100 Bloomdale Road
McKinney, TX

Date 08.27.2015

Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt, McKinney
6:30 PM

Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdasta*
Alfredo Arias, Celina
Michael Black, Vice Chair, Workshops*
Janice Cline, Tax Abatement*
Larry Collins, Grants
Naomi Emmett, Treasurer *
Joy Gough, State Markers
Linda Hess, Josephine
Donna Jenkins*
Clyde Kerley, Lakes Trail
Lolisa Laenger, Cruises
Michael Mendenhall, Plano
Diane Miller, Melissa
Janice Quick, Plano
Paula Ross, Chairman
Loydell Seward, Historic Assets Survey
Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Eric Nishimoto, Liaison*

Absent*

Public Comments:

Diane Miller mentioned access to the Lair Cemetery in Anna will be improved.

Loydell Seward mentioned Farmersville Historical Society had Eric Nishimoto (and wife, Pamela), speaking to the group on “What Farmersville can do to celebrate Collin McKinney’s 250th Birthday” in 2016. She passed around the newspaper article from the Farmersville Times.

Linda Hess tells us Gamma Beta Chapter is celebrating Collin McKinney’s birthday.

Minutes were accepted with corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: Year to date: Out of the now adjusted budget of \$51,909.00 for the Historical Commission: \$22,546.05 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$29,362.95. We have spent 43.43% of our budget. We are in balance with the county.

Committee Reports

Grants: Three reports have yet to be presented. Two are scheduled for our October board meeting. Checks for the most recent approved grants have not been sent out.

State Markers: Wording on the Frankford Community is in the works. Other markers are still pending. Farmersville Post Office application was turned down for being a “federal building”.

County Markers: There are four planned. There may be room for two more within the budget.

Education: The Carry Along Collin Brochures are in and the committee is planning to distribution in December.

Tax Abatement: The City of Wylie would like the committee to educate its citizens to get more historical properties on the tax abatement list. Coordinating schedules is the issue. It was mentioned that more “requirement information” is needed. The process is to have a historic asset application completed first, then the tax abatement application.

Historical Assets Survey: The committee is still waiting to see the latest submissions uploaded to the system. “Requirements information” is also needed for the process.

Texas Film Round-Up: The TX Film Round-up Committee met one more time to view videos. The committee sent TAMI a list of 14 videos consider putting on their website (six videos about Collin County, eight videos about other parts of Texas.) We received a very encouraging response from TAMI saying that they will probably put most of our videos on their website.

Election of Officers: The slate of officers for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was voted on and carried. Chairman-Paula Ross, Vice-Chairman-Michael Black, Secretary-Jan Thatcher, Treasurer-Naomi Emmett. The present board will continue for another year.

Lakes Trails: The meeting was held in Granbury. Their fiscal year runs from September 1 through August 31. State budget cuts are threatening a few of the regions. There is a division between urban and rural areas with rural areas being more historical. There will be a booth at the Texas State Fair again this year with information on all the regions within the state.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary