



Collin County Historical Commission
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McKinney, TX 75071

Date: 06.30.22
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt St., McKinney
6:30 PM

Mary Kaye Adams, County Cruises
Elden Baker, Anna
Candace Fountoulakis, Plano
Joy Gough, Tax Abatement
Linda Hess, Farmersville
Eric Hogue, Treasurer
Diann Jones, Anna *
Colin Kimball, McKinney *
Paula Ross, Chair
Jan Samuels, Public Relations *
Harold Sickler, Plano
Janet Stovall, Speakers Bureau *
Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Marianne Wells, State Markers, Cemeteries *
Nathan White, Vice Chair *
Misty Wiebold, Farmersville *
Jane Yancey, Plano *
Brittany Yurkovitch, Weston
Jennifer Rogers, Liaison
Judy Moody, Liaison

*Absent

Call to Order: 6:44 p.m.

Public Comments: Thank you, Mary Kaye for supplying the meal.

Welcome Jennifer Wakefield with the Wylie Historical Society (WHS). Jennifer gave a Final Report Summary for the grant the Wylie Historical Society was awarded last year. The grant went toward signage depicting the evolution of Wylie and walking tour props. It was noted the City of Wylie asked the WHS permission to duplicate the signs for the City's own display in its Welcoming Center.

Harold Sickler briefly discuss the Texas Historical Commission's "Certified Local Government Program" and had handouts for all that were present.

Fourth of July Celebrations around the county include Josephine on July 2 and Weston on July 4th.

Minutes/Roll Call: The minutes were approved. Volunteer hours for the month total 281.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Hogue asked for the CCHC members to vote on next year's budget request. After some discussion a vote was taken and approved to request \$49,900. Eric will notify the county of the request.

Year to Date: Of our revised budget of \$52,630, \$14,442.74 has been spent and encumbered, leaving a balance of \$38,187.26. We are in balance with the county.

Nominating Committee: It's time for a nominating committee of 3 to present a slate of officers for the coming year. The slate will be presented in July, voted on in August. This year's Nominating Committee include Joy Gough, Harold Sickler and Brittany Yurkovitch.

Committee Reports:

Cataloging Local Histories/Film: There is nothing to report at this time.

Oral Histories: Plans to interview Carolyn Pitts Corbin are in the works. Colin Kimball is in charge of the session with hopes the interview will be filmed in the house Carolyn grew up in. The house which had been in her family since 1916 is believed to have been built around the original log cabin. It is believed the cabin was built in the 1840's by T. J. McDonald.

Collin County Cruise: Mary Kaye Adams is open to suggestions for next year's cruise. Paula Ross suggested traveling to Denison for a tour of Dwight D. Eisenhower's birthplace and Grayson County's Frontier Village and Museum.

Grants: The Commissioners Court approved our recommendations. Contracts have been signed by all the awardees and are waiting on the checks from the county.

State Markers: There is nothing to report at this time.

Historic Cemeteries: *Buckner (McKinney):* Developers are discussing the refencing and tree work needed in the cemetery and proceeding with the restoration.

Historic Asset Survey (HAS): Stars on the GPS map designates markers.

Joy Gough is working on a book of all the schools within Collin County. It is 600 pages and Joy hopes have it completed by next month.

Educational Programs/Children's Programs: Quite a few excellent submissions are coming in for the student art and poetry competition. About a dozen submissions have been received. Most are in the art category, with only one poetry submission. The deadline for the competition is July 11. The committee is also considering the best way to judge this competition. The options are to leave it to the education committee or ask the CCHC for input. Another possibly is to ask the County Commissioners to judge.

Three submissions from artist Cate Robbins have been received featuring three historic building in Collin County for the coloring page request. More submissions are still needed and an announcement in the CCHC newsletter was placed. Eric Hogue had a great idea to reach out to the schools for submissions. The biggest issue is getting in touch with ISD art department contacts.

The Education committee is contemplating the next competition. Suggestions are another poetry competition alone or continuing with coloring page submissions. It was also mentioned about opening up the competition category to include college-aged students. The committee is also discussing a revival of the award winning "Carry Along Collin" program.

Workshops: Misty Wiebold is working on a few ideas.

Speakers Bureau: Janet Stovall has been busy contacting the present list of speakers to see if they would like to continue to be listed. Two new names have been added with two asking to be removed. Janet will send a final copy to Jenn Rogers to revise the website August 1st.

Newsletter/Communications: Janet Stovall sent out the July CCHC Newsletter to all and it will be posted on the CCHC website. The deadline for the August news articles will be due by July 15th.

Jan Samuels reports Publicity has been slow the past few weeks. In order to get information into local magazines, the deadlines are usually 2 months in advance. For example, the deadline for the August magazine is in June. Therefore, in order to get publicity for the awards to be given at the Preservation Celebration, the information will be needed 2 months before the deadline for nominations. We will be able to have an article about the individual awards as well as a copy of the nomination form (or an email address to send it) which may increase the number of nominations. The same goes for Preservation Celebration and the County Cruise plans as well as the Education competitions. Jan will do her best to get in the media if she has the information in time. Jan is looking forward to the upcoming months and keeping Collin County informed.

Preservation Celebration 2023 Celina: Janet Stovall has agreed to Chair the Celina event, Brittany Yurkovitch has agreed to be Co-Chair with Jan Samuels in charge of publicity. Meeting with the Celina representatives to be announced.

Adjourn: 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary