



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

Date: 07.25.19
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt, McKinney
6:30 PM

Mary Kaye Adams, Dallas
Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdasta*
Alfredo Arias, Communications/Media*
Catherine Casavant, Treasurer
Chris Krupa-Downs, Plano*
Joy Gough, Tax Abatement
Linda Hess, Farmersville
Donna Jenkins, Vice Chair
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: 6:33 pm

Welcome Guests: M’Lou Hyttinen and Patti Shore from the Heritage Farmstead Museum, Plano with Brad Ford Smith from Studio Six Art Conservation, Dallas.

Public Comments: Thank you, Marianne Wells, for supplying dinner.

The next Quarterly Coalition Meeting is Saturday, July 20, 2019, 9am, MPAC.

McKinney: Then and Now” is the new exhibit at the Collin County History Museum in McKinney. The exhibit is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-4 pm. Admission is free.

Minutes & Roll Call: The minutes were approved. Volunteer hours total: 380

Treasurer's Report: Of our budget of \$49,900.00, the commission has spent and encumbered \$47,882.00. The treasurer's report was accepted and approved.

There is \$2018 left for any last-minute expenditures. Deadline for Purchase Orders is August 30, 2019 with an earlier deadline for printed material done by the county. There is an upcoming Budget Workshop for Outside Agencies August 13, 9am. Let Catherine know if interested in attending or addressing the Commissioners Court.

Selecting a Nominating Committee: Members present listed three names on paper and were collected and tallied by Catherine Casavant. The names selected were Linda Hess, Joy Gough and Donna Jenkins. These members will submit a slate of officers for the Historical Commission's vote at the August's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Grants: Our guests from the Heritage Farmstead Museum, Plano, gave the final report for the \$2000.00 grant given for restoration of boots belonging to Miss Aimee Wilson. Brad Ford Smith, from Studio Six Art Conservation did the actual work on the boots. He went as far as to visit the Justin/Nocona Boot Museum to find information about the boots he was working on. The boots are thought to be custom made in the 1930's. Even with the conservation, the boots are very fragile and will be on display at the Heritage Farmstead Museum from time to time, taking care of light and humidity on the leather.

For the new fiscal year 2019-2020, fourteen applicants requested \$46,880.19 in grants. The Collin County Historical Commission approved thirteen grant applications on June 27, 2019 based upon grant committee recommendations. The Collin County Commissioners Court will give approval of the grant committee's recommendation at the August 5th session. From there, contracts will be drawn, signed by the recipients and then approved by the Commissioners Court at a later session. At that time, the county will process checks and send to the individual historic groups. Email notifications have been sent out to this year's Grant Applicants.

The following projects and amounts approved for the 2019-2020 fiscal year are as follows:

Allen Heritage Guild: \$2000.00

Murphy Historical Society: \$3000.00

Anna Area Historic Preservation Society: \$1600.00

Heard Craig Center for the Arts: \$400.00

Chambersville Cemetery Association: \$3000.00

Elm Grove Cemetery Association: \$1500.00

Collin County Genealogical Society: \$3000.00

Heritage Guild of Collin County: \$500.00

Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation: \$500.00

Highland Cemetery Association: \$1500.00

Snow Hill Cemetery Association: \$3000.00

Routh Cemeteries Association: \$3000.00

Farmersville Historical Society: \$2000.00

Total: \$25,000.00

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

State Markers: The Princeton Cemetery narrative is complete and will be submitted this fall. The Saigling House, Plano, with final corrections to the inscription have been sent back for approval.

The company supplying the markers for the Texas Historical Commission for years has been sold and THC is looking for a new vendor. All production of markers is on hold at this time. Marianne Wells and committee will still continue work on submissions.

Jan Samuels identified a team to restore faded markers. Marianne has requested supplies and will coordinate the project one marker at a time, following THC's guidelines. First on the list is Routh Cemetery, with its easy accessibility and visibility. Jan Samuels will be surveying her area for other markers that may need restoration.

County Markers and County Marker Book: There is nothing to report at this time.

Cemeteries: ***Brinlee Cemetery***, McKinney: Jane Yancey and Marianne Wells have made several visits in order to prepare a map and gather information for the Historic Texas Cemetery Designation application. As soon as the cemetery receives the designation, the application for a state marker, which was approved in 2000 but never funded, will be resubmitted.

Noble Cemetery, Weston: Jane and Marianne visited the cemetery and were pleasantly surprised at the condition. It technically is an abandoned cemetery but is being maintained by neighbors. It is just south of the intersection of CR 125 and CR 168. There is a small gate to enter from the neighbor's property to the south. The neighbors welcome all interested visitors and hope that it will be properly fenced in the future.

Backbone Cemetery, Culleoka area, CR 900: Diane Miller, Joy Gough, Jane Yancey and Marianne Wells met with Joe Chappell at the cemetery in early July. Joe worked as a Boy Scout on the restoration of Bear Creek Cemetery in Nevada for years and wants to restore this cemetery. Marianne contacted the US Army Corps of Engineers, who owns the property, and has a permit application in for the work. The Corps of Engineers will also provide material for fencing, if someone can be found to install it.

Educational Programs: "I Dig Collin County" will be held on Saturday morning, August 10th from 8 am-1:30 pm in Celina TX. 15 kids, ages 7-12 will have the chance to participate in a real archaeological dig hosted by the Collin County Historical Commission.

Communications: Facebook has 207 followers; Twitter page has 437. The most popular post for July was the "Family History" workshop, which was viewed by 300 and share 5 times.

Tax Abatement: One person has contacted Joy Gough and information will be sent. The new applicant was made aware of the new deadline for applications which is October 31.

Historical Asset Survey: Donna Jenkins distributed handouts of the Historic Interactive Map Guide to help maneuver through the site: <https://gis.collincountytx.gov/cchistorical/> . Donna challenged all members to use it.

Film Preservation: Janice Quick picked up digitized videos and oral histories from Owen Benatar on July 17, 2019. The items included oral histories conducted by Joy Gough in the late 1990's and video tours of Chestnut Square. Jan Thatcher returned original materials along with a DVD to Chestnut Square following the Quarterly Coalition Meeting on Saturday, July 20, 2019. Also, the committee decided to ask organizations submitting films to fill out a form providing an inventory of the items, a brief description and the copyright owner. Collecting this information from the historical organization will make it easier for the committee to process the materials.

Speakers Bureau: Janice Quick is working to add CCHC member Justin Simmons to the CCHC Speakers Bureau web page. Justin had a very informative presentation "501 (c)(3) & 501(c)(13) Basics" at the Quarterly Coalition Meeting on July 20. To see the entire list of speakers, see:

https://www.collincountytx.gov/historical_commission/Pages/CCHC-Speakers-Bureau.aspx

Commission Brochure: The final draft of the brochure has been created. The brochure is now ready to be sent to Eric Nishimoto for review and printing.

Workshops: Mary Strother and Pat Rodgers with the Collin County History Museum hosted a workshop titled "Everyone's Story Matters" on Monday, July 15, 2019 at the Collin County Historical Museum. Justin Simmons gave a mini workshop at the Quarterly Coalition Meeting on July 20, 2019. The subject discussed was setting up a 501(c)(3) for non-profits & 501(c)(13) for cemetery designation. Both were well received.

County Cruise: The next cruise will be Saturday, September 7, 2019. The trip is to Bonham where stops include Sam Rayburn House & Library, plus the Fannin Historical Museum. Lunch will be at Shumardii's.

Adjourn: 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary