



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

Date 07.28.2016

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

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

Absent*

Public Comments: Paula Ross was featured in a July 14, 2016 article of the Allen American entitled “(Re)making History”.

The emergency fund grant approved by the board for Heard-Craig Carriage House was vetoed by Judge Self. He deemed it not an emergency.

Loydell Seward shared she is related to the Nash Farm family in Grapevine. Nash was a cousin of her great-grandfather who lived in Sherman.

Video copies of this year’s Preservation Celebration are available for \$5 each. Contact Michael Black if interested.

The Collin County Historical Museum (the old Post Office east of the square) will be the meeting place for our December board meeting. A tour of the museum will be included.

The Nominating Committee announced this year's slate of officer nominees. Michael Black, Chair; Donna Jenkins, Vice Chair; Naomi Emmett, Treasurer and Jan Thatcher, Secretary. The board will vote at the next meeting on August 25, 2016. If approved, those recommendations will be presented to the Commissioners Court for approval.

Minutes: Minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Year to date: Out of the adjusted budget of \$50,905 for the Historical Commission; \$16,944.13 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$33,960.87. We have spent 33.29% of our budget. We are in balance with the county.

Committee Reports:

Grants: The Commissioner's Court approved our recommendations for grant money. There were 10 applicants and no one was denied. Judge Self questioned the same groups receiving grant funds over several years. In the future the grant committee will note the first time applicants and any matching funds.

Kathy Strobel, Director of Development at the Heritage Farmstead Museum, presented the board with the results of the grant received. The funds went toward repairing the one room school house built on the property. It is a replica of one found in Ponder TX and was a project to commemorate the centennial of the one room school houses. Tasks included power washing, priming and painting the exterior.

State Markers: Applications for 2017 are online. One application has been received. The process starts September and continues through mid-November. McMillen Homestead in Murphy is interested in a state marker.

County Markers: The Jesse Stiff Homestead and John Lumpkin Haynes (a member of the Immortal 600), are in the preliminary stages of the marker process.

Workshops: Plans are being made for a September Joint County workshop. The subject is electronic technology. Alfred Arias and MaryCarole Strother, from the Collin County Historical Society and Museum are working together to share their technological knowledge with those who wish to bring the museums to the people.

Preservation Celebration: Farmersville will be the host community for the 2017 Preservation Celebration. On July 20, Larry Collins, Loydell Seward and Michael Black met with several ladies that represent various historical preservation groups in Farmersville. Those present agreed to work to host the celebration on April 29, 2017, if the First Baptist Church gym is available. It will be about 4 weeks before there will have a final answer. Several of the Farmersville groups accepted assignments to check on possible entertainment, speakers and food providers. The committee will meet again after the First Baptist Church gym has been booked. The Theme will be Audie Murphy. It was also suggested Audie Murphy may be the subject of the next cruise.

Cruise: The cruise is set for October 22, 2016. It will be a repeat of the spring tour with lunch served at the Durning House.

Texas Film Round-Up: A date is still pending for the public viewing of films contributed, Texas Archive of Moving Pictures (TAMI).

Children's Education: The display stands have been distributed to libraries, museums and schools to promote the "Carry along Collin" program.

Lakes Trail: At the last meeting held in Weatherford, a FaceBook 101 class was presented. It touched on using a promotion page on FaceBook instead of a Web page. The basic concept is to promote a groups interests. For a fee (give a budget figure), FaceBook will run the promotion. For example, the promotion can run for a week, stopped for two weeks, then run again.

The State Fair starts September 30 and runs through October 23, 2016. There will be a booth again this year to promote the 10 diverse regions within the state. Volunteers are needed for both morning and afternoon shifts. Free admittance to the fair and free parking is available for the volunteers. Texas maps and Authentic Texas magazines will be available to hand out. Now is the time to get your shift requests to Jill Campbell.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Thatcher, Secretary