

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular Meeting of April 8, 2014
6:30-8:00 p.m. at Calhoun County Library
200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca, Texas

Minutes of the Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by John Meitzen.

Pledges to the Flags:

John Kassner, Sergeant-at-Arms/Parliamentarian, led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

Quorum:

John Kassner certified that there was a quorum present. Those in attendance were as follows:

Joe D. Brett	John Kassner	Mary Belle Meitzen	Phil Thomae
George Anne Cormier	Steve Koch	Jim Munro	Sue Thomae
John Foester	John Meitzen	Gary Ralston	

Order of Business: The agenda as posted at the Courthouse and on the website was adopted, there being no objection.

Approval of the Minutes of March 11, 2014:

Secretary Sue Thomae stated that the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2014, were posted on the CCHC website: www.calhouncountyhc.org. The minutes were approved as posted, there being no corrections or additions.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Phil Thomae reported that the treasurer's report was posted on the CCHC website. There being no corrections or additions, the report was accepted as posted.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Wooden Bridge on Westerlund Grade Road: CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen reported that she had received a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation that the wooden

bridge at this location would be replaced because it does not qualify for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Junior Historians: Mary Belle reported that the Junior Historians would not be involved in the Historical Scavenger Hunt because of the STAAR testing and the shortage of bus drivers at this time, according to committee chair Margaret Charnetski. Meitzen also reported that the Junior Historians would participate in the Texas Archeology observance in October. CCHC members Mary Belle Meitzen, Margaret Charnetski, Nelson Marek, and Walter Spiller have maintained memberships in that state group.

Bricks from the Old Jail: Mary Belle Meitzen reported that the work is ongoing of transporting the bricks to a secure location and should be finished in 2 days.

Cemetery Committee: John Kassner reported that there would be a work-day on April 26 for the Stiernberg Cemetery.

Lavaca Battery Silhouette: Gary Ralston reported that he had received no word on the Trull Foundation grant application.

Marker Committee: Mary Belle Meitzen reported on the upcoming marker dedications:

1. ***The World War II Marker.*** The installation is pending but the dedication will take place on May 26, 2014, at the Bayfront Peninsula Park and the Courthouse.
2. ***The Sergeant William Barnes Marker.*** The marker for Sgt. Barnes will be dedicated in a joint program with the Juneteenth Celebration on June 21, 2014. The unveiling will take place at Indianola Cemetery.
3. ***The Chihuahua Trail Marker.*** Dedication is set for July 12, 2014, at the Bauer Exhibit Building.
4. ***The Ed Bell Marker.*** Chairman Foester reported that the Ed Bell marker would be re-installed in the near future.

Historical Scavenger Hunt Committee: CCHC Chair Meitzen reported that she would be presenting the plans for the scavenger hunt to Commissioners Court on April 10 and later to Debbie Swope, Curriculum Director of CCISD. Committee Chair John Foester reported that he would give Bill Harvey at Formosa Plastics a copy of the proposal.

Committee Chair Foester then reported on the individual components of the scavenger hunt. Members of the CCHC discussed the plans and suggested refinements. The hunt is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2014, National Scavenger Hunt Day.

Adjournment: CCHC Chair Meitzen adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the CCHC will be Calhoun High School Library on May 13, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was changed to the new location for this meeting only, since the public library's meeting room will be in use for the library's book sale.

Submitted by the Secretary, Sue Thomae

Sue Thomae

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