

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular Meeting of January 27, 2015
6:30-8:00 p.m. at Calhoun County Public Library
200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca

Minutes of the Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen at 6:30 p.m.

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:

George Anne Cormier	Steve Koch	Jim Munro	Sue Thomae
Peggy Dobbins	Nelson Marek	Gary Ralston	Florene Windham
Peggy Gaines	John Meitzen	Walter Spiller	Guest: Michael Dobbins
John Kassner	Mary Belle Meitzen	Phil Thomae	

Order of Business: The order of business was as follows:

Treasurer's Report: Phil Thomae reported that the Treasurer's Report is posted on the website. Approved as presented.

Minutes of the Secretary: Minutes of the November 11, 2014; December 9, 2014 are posted online. Approved as presented. Minutes of the January 13, 2015, were read by the Secretary. Approved as presented.

Report of Hours: CCHC members accumulated 3403 hours of service.

Open Meetings Act Training: 10 members have completed this training.

Standing Committees:

1. **The Lavaca Artillery Silhouette** was accepted by the City of Port Lavaca on December

10, 2014, and was transferred by the Commissioners Court on December 22, 2014.

2. No historic trees have been identified.

3. John Kassner posted the Cemetery Committee report online December 19. The committee will tour the Gladney Cemetery on Friday, January 30, 2015.

4. The Marker Committee reported that the markers for Martin de Leon, Edward Knipling, the Port O'Connor Cemetery, the Sunlight Girls, and The Great Camel Experiment are in the process of being erected, installed, and dedicated. Markers under preparation are the Battle of Norris Bridge and German immigration.

5. Steve Koch reported on the repairs to the kiosk at Magnolia Beach.

6. George Anne Cormier reported that the museum is having a display of Early African-American Poets and Writers, as well as a display for Texas Independence Day. Cormier also reported on personnel changes at the museum.

7. Indianola Scavenger Hunt report: John Foester is the chair of this committee.

Agenda Items:

Review 2014 Texas Historical Commission End-of-Year Report: Not complete, waiting for election of officers.

Appointees to CCHC were approved at the January 22, 2015, Commissioners Court.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Sue Thomae presented the names of officers in the Nominating Committee Report. They are as follows:

Mary Belle Meitzen, Chair

John Kassner, Vice-Chair

Walter Spiller, Secretary

Gary Ralston, Treasurer

The report was approved as presented.

Thanks: Mary Belle Meitzen thanked Phil and Sue Thomae for their service as officers for the 2013-2014 term.

Committee Chair Appointments:

Gary Ralston, Markers

Florene Windham and Cliff Baccus, Flags

George Anne Cormier, Parliamentarian

Texas Independence Day Celebration: There will be a reading of the Texas Constitution on March 3, 2015, at the Calhoun County Museum, with CCHC members reading assigned parts of the Constitution. A brown bag luncheon will be served.

Reading: Calhoun County: Peggy Dobbins has prepared a script and CCHC members will meet on March 28, 2015, at Main Street Theater to go through a reading of the script.

Next Meeting: There will be no February meeting of the CCHC. The next meeting is March 10, 2015, at

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the public library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by the Secretary, Sue Thomae

Sue Thomae Calhoun County Historical Commission