

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular Meeting of November 10, 2016
6:30-7:15 PM at the Calhoun County Library

Minutes of Secretary

Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen at 6:30 PM

Invocation:

By John Meitzen

Pledges of Allegiance:

By John Kassner

Quorum:

A quorum was met. Those in attendance were:

Mary Belle Meitzen	Clif Baccus	Phil Thomae
John Kassner	George A. Cormier	Sue Thomae
Gary Ralston	Steve Koch	Florene Windham
Walter Spiller	Nelson Marek	
John Meitzen	Avril Sassman	

Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report by Gary Ralston was approved as posted

Consider/Approve October 11, 2016 Minutes:

October minutes by Walter Spiller were approved as posted

Consider/Take Necessary Action Standing Committee Reports:

1. Museum-Per George Anne Cormier:
 - A. The Indian figure has been repaired and work is continuing on the new exhibit.
 - B. The museum has received some articles that belonged to Mr. Henry Barber
2. Seadrift Locomotive-Per Peggy Gains: The Seadrift City Council will be meeting to discuss the locomotive after Thanksgiving.
3. Cemeteries:
 - A. Little Mary-Per John Kassner: The Historical Cemetery Designation application has been submitted and was received by the THC on November 4, 2016.
 - B. Zimmerman-On October 29, 2016, John Kassner, Gary Ralston and Jody Brett pressure-washed the headstones and made repairs on some of them.

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- C. Weyers & McGuire-A workday is scheduled for Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 PM.
 - D. Powderhorn Ranch-Walter Spiller is working on a Notice of Existence of Cemetery.
4. Junior Historians: Texas Camel Corps October 26, 2016 at Travis Middle School-Per Sue Thomae: 300 TMS and Seadrift students along with approximately 40 OLG students attended. The program was a success, and the students are to be commended on their behavior. Sue also gave special thanks to:
- Michael Torres-TMS principal for his planning
 - Jane Cowley-Superintendent for her support
 - TMS 7th Grade Teachers:
 - Casey Striedel
 - Mary Purser
 - Margaret Charnetski
 - Also, from OLG:
 - Mr. Palooka
 - Mrs. Lyssy
 - Twinkle Johnson
5. Calhoun County Fair Exhibit-Per Phil Thomae: Received a Participation Ribbon. Commission thanked Phil for his efforts.
6. Markers:
- A. Cotton Gin Location-Per Walter Spiller: A location has been selected, and the commission is waiting to hear back from TXDOT on the setting of the marker.
 - B. Original Mission Refugio Marker-Per Gary Ralston: A definite location for this marker has not yet been determined.
 - C. Henry J. Huck-Per Gary Ralston: Marker application has been approved by THC.
 - D. Kamey Community Marker-Application was submitted and approved by the THC on October 28, 2016.
 - E. Dr. Edward Knipling Marker Dedication will be held Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Calhoun County Extension Building, 186 Henry Barber Way. Dr. Roy Parker, past Gulf Coast District entomologist is speaker. The Bonorden family is hosting a reception. Family members attending are: Anita Scott, Gary Knipling and Ed Knipling.
Steve Koch will man the registration table and Gary Ralston will provide the microphone.

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7. Indianola Centennial Star Replacement-Per Gary Ralston: Commission is still waiting for a reply on this.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Additional Committee Reports:

1. Christmas Party-December 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM is tentative date and time.
 - A. Meat and Money: John Kassner
 - B. Silverware: Avril Sassman
 - C. Decoration: Mary Belle Meitzen
 - D. Program: Still working on this
 - E. Set Up: Steve Koch and Clifton Baccus

Consider/Take Necessary Action Old Business:

1. Present Research/Recommendation from the Marker Committee (Gary Ralston chair, John Kassner, Steve Koch, Robert Loflin, John Meitzen, Jim Munro, and Walter Spiller) for the written relocation request of the Civil War Bombardment, Civil War Torpedo Works, and Alsatian Immigration Markers from Steve and Judy Thorne. The markers prohibit construction of homes on these lots.

Motion by Gary Ralston, Marker Chair:

I MAKE A MOTION THAT THE CIVIL WAR BOMBARDMENT, AND THE TORPEDO WORKS MARKERS BE RELOCATED TO THE BAYFRONT PENINSULA NEAR THE BOMBARDMENT SILHOUETT AND THE ALSATION MARKER BE RELOCATED TO RANGER CEMETERY.

The motion was discussed and Steve Koch closed the discussion, and the motion carried. Mary Belle Meitzen agreed to write a reply to the Thorne's request.

Consider/Take Necessary Action New Business:

1. Mary Belle Meitzen, CCHC Chair, appointed a Nominating Committee with Avril Sassman, chair, Jody Brett, and John Kassner.
2. Mary Belle Meitzen handed out previous registration forms to the members present to renew their memberships for 2017. These need to be replied to by December 16, 2016 so the names can be turned in to the County Judge.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Commission Input:

1. Next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2017.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM