

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular Meeting of January 10, 2017
6:30-7:00 PM at the Calhoun County Library

Minutes of Secretary

Call to Order:

The 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:

There was quorum met. Those in attendance were:

Mary Belle Meitzen	John Meitzen	Robert Loflin	Phil Thomae
John Kassner	George A. Cormier	Nelson Marek	Sue Thomae
Gary Ralston	John Foester	Jan Regan	
Walter Spiller	Steve Koch	Avril Sassman	

Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report by Gary Ralston was approved as posted.

Also, in December, the CCHC received:

- A. A \$227.00 donation from the Knipling Dedication Donation.
- B. A \$500.00 donation from Knipling LLC.
- C. A \$13,685.87 donation from the Matagorda Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. "to further enable the Commission's efforts in this historically important area of Texas".

Consider/Approve Minutes:

Minutes from the November 10, 2016 meeting by Walter Spiller were approved as posted.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Half Moon Reef Lighthouse-There is a leak in the roof of the lighthouse allowing water to leak inside. Mary Belle Meitzen has contacted Joe Wooten in regards to this matter.
- B. Cemetery:
 - 1. Weyers & McGuire Cemetery-Per John Kassner, a workday will be scheduled in the spring.
 - 2. Powderhorn Ranch Cemetery-Walter Spiller is working on a Notice of Existence for this cemetery.

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C. Markers:

1. Dr. Edward Knipling marker was dedicated on November 19, 2016-Per John Foester, the dedication was a success. There was a good turnout.
2. Cotton Gins of Calhoun County-This marker has been installed near the Moreman Community Gin.
3. Mission Refugio-Per Gary Ralston, Gary and John Foester found a location for this marker just across the highway from the Green Lake entrance.
4. Indianola Centennial Star Replacement-Per Gary Ralston, the commission is still waiting to hear something back from the THC.

D. Museum:

Per George Anne Cormier-Work is still progressing on the diorama. Also, a gentleman named Ken Rutherford, a political scientist and co-founder of "The Landmines Survivor's Network", is doing research on land mines and mines in general. Mr. Rutherford came to the Calhoun County Museum to research E.C. Singer and the people who worked with him for a book he is writing.

- E. Seadrift Locomotive-Per Mary Belle Meitzen, the silhouette is still lying on its side at present and Mary Belle has re-emailed the Seadrift mayor in regards to this, and is still waiting on a reply.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Additional Committee Reports:

- A. City of Port Lavaca Festival of Lights Parade-Joe D. Brett received Clubs Second Place.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Old Business:

- A. Review qualifications for Active Appointment 2017-2019-Must attend 3 meetings or serve actively on a committee, obtain Open Meetings Act & Texas Public Information Certificate.
- B. Report of Nominating Committee/Election of Officers:
The following officers were elected:
Chairman-Robert Loflin
Vice-Chairman-John Kassner
Secretary-Jim Munro
Treasurer-Gary Ralston

Gary Ralston was appointed Marker Chair

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Adjournment:

The next posted meeting will be on February 16, 2017(changed from February 14).
Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.