



Minutes: Meeting of May 22, 2012
Meeting Room, Calhoun County Public Library

Mary Belle Meitzen, Vice-Chair of the CCHC, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Jim Munro led the group in prayer, after which John Kassner, Sergeant-at-Arms, led the group in pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag. Members present were as follows: Mary Belle Meitzen, Sue Thomae, Philip Thomae, Jim Munro, Myrtle Montier, Nelson Marek, John Meitzen, John Kassner. Guests were Joe Mireles and Avril Sassman. It was determined that there was no quorum.

The minutes as posted on the CCHC website were approved.
The treasurer's report as posted on the CCHC website was approved.

Philip Thomae gave a report on the history of the CCHC's involvement in procuring and maintaining the flags at the Half Moon Reef Lighthouse. As of January 1, 2013, the City of Port Lavaca, under an agreement with City Manager Bob Turner, will assume the responsibility for the flags at the HMRL, along with its historical role in maintaining the 3 flagpoles at the site. This arrangement was reached earlier in the year because the CCHC no longer has the money with which to buy flags on a regular basis or to continue expenditures to help repair and maintain the 3 flagpoles.

Mary Belle Meitzen, Chair, gave the Cemetery/Marker Committee Report, which is on file on the CCHC website. Briefly stated, the report details the preparations for the June 9th dedication of the markers at the Indianola cemeteries.

- Also, Vice-Chair of the CCHC, Ms. Meitzen reported that the camel sculpture has been put in place at its location at Indianola. Pictures of the installation taken by Gary Ralston are up on the CCHC website.
- Ms. Meitzen also reported on the need for more planning for the repair of the grave of Little Mary. She asked for input on the project and stated that Pesek's Memorials of Hallettsville may come down and give an estimate of the costs involved. More planning will be done at the June meeting for this important project.
- Further planning is need for the Port O'Connor cemetery.
- There will be a meeting of the Marker Committee in June, exact date not specified.

Philip Thomae discussed the problem of the caboose, which has become a burden to the CCHC. He reported that to restore the caboose to historical accuracy would require an expenditure of funds that far exceeds the CCHC's ability to provide. After extensive discussion, there was a consensus that the CCHC should get rid of the caboose. Preliminary discussions with the City of

Port Lavaca have begun and City Manager Turner has indicated the City's willingness to receive the caboose as a gift which could be used as a tourist attraction. Philip Thomae was appointed to chair the committee to explore the disposition of the caboose.

Vice-Chair Meitzen also reported that Joe Brett is working on a driving tour of historical houses in Port Lavaca.

The next meeting of the CCHC will be August 14th .

Before adjournment, Vice-Chair Meitzen made a special note of the illness of both Rose Ellen and Joe Peña, members of the CCHC, as reported by Joe Mireles. A special prayer for their health and well-being was led by Meitzen.

The motion was made by Philip Thomae to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Jim Munro seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Thomae".

Sue Thomae, Secretary Ad Hoc