

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Secretary Minutes for April 10, 2012

Calhoun Count Library

200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca

1. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Prayer was led by Mary Belle Meitzen
3. Pledge to the U. S. Flag by all
4. Pledge to the Texas Flag by all
5. Consider and approve Minutes of Feb 2102 Meeting: approved as submitted
6. Consider and approve Treasurers Report + take any required action in acct 621: Report was approved as submitted. Transfer of funds to account 621 is complete.
7. Standing committee reports:
 - a. Flags: Mr. Turner with the City has accepted responsibility and put funds into the 2013 budget. We have enough flags on hand to complete the year, provided the weather does not get out of hand.
 - b. Cemeteries & Marker Museum Any required action on Markers and dedications:
 - i. The next meeting of the Cemetery Committee will be April 17th at 6:30 pm, at the Library.
 - ii. See written report posted on <http://calhouncountyhc.org/index.html>, under Commission Meeting Minutes, Cemetery and Marker Reports
 - iii. The Cemetery Committee recommends purchase of Historic Texas Cemetery Medallion at a cost of \$300.00 for Pt. O'Connor Cemetery; 2nd by Jon Kassner, motion passed.
 - iv. The Cemetery Committee recommends a joint ceremony honoring Texas Historic Cemetery Designation; Plaque Preservation Daughters of Republic of Texas District VII; DRT Relics, Trails, & Historic Sites Medalion for Indianola Trail Recognition, on June 9, 2012; 2nd by Kate Williams, motion passed.
 - v. Mary Bell Meitzen moved that CCHC purchase two markers for DRT recognition of Republic Patriotic Citizen for Angelina Eberly and James Allen, 2nd by George Anne Cormier, motion passed.
 - c. Museum report:
 - i. There were 236 people in March that visited the Museum.
 - ii. The United States Light House Society visited the museum and left passports for visitors, and they donated \$50.00 for the conservation of the HMR Light house lenses.
 - iii. There will be exhibits for the Garden Club on May 1; and Staff Sergeant Walter Blevins on June 1.
 - d. CalhounCountyhc.org web report: There were 602 visits from January 4 to date for 2012, with 4-5 pages viewed for a time period of approximately 4 minutes. Howard Hartzog has donated many pictures and they are in the process of being scanned for posting.
8. Discuss progress and take appropriate action on Camel statue and Chronicles of Old West:
 - a. The statue is almost ready. A 3 inch tubular frame will need to be constructed and welded to the sculpture once it arrives. Final location needs to be determined - at the end of Hwy 316 is being considered. Installation will require digging three post holes to set legs in concrete.
 - b. Phil Thomae presented the Chronicles of the Old West video on the Great Camel Experiment and their use through out the US, and how they came to an end with the Civil War.
9. Discussion and take appropriate action on any 2012 Priorities:

- a. Joe Brett has made a tour of the Indianola Houses and reported via Mary Belle Meitzen that they are not in good shape.

b. The next meeting will be May 22nd, the 4th Tuesday, 6:30 pm at the Library

10. Report on 2011 activity report: Chairman Ellenberger submitted the report to the County Commissioners, it has been filed and accepted
11. Public discussion of Historical Commission Matters:
 - a. There will be a Preservation Workshop in Kingsville on May 1, 2012, the cost is \$30.00.
 - b. Mary Belle Meitzen expressed appreciation for the Main Street Committee
12. Adjourn: 7:45 p.m.

Secretary Notes:

**We had 813 volunteer hours, of which, 700 were for Main Street Committee.
Well done!**