Burnet County Historical Commission Minutes

The Burnet County Historical Commission (BCHC) met in regular session March 5, 2024 at 1:00PM.

Those in attendance include:

Members:

Chairman-Rachel Bryson, Vice Chair-Polly Krenek, Secretary-Terri Burger, Jane Knapik, Lela Goar, Lynda French, Mary Ellen Keith, Caryl Calsyn, Florence Reeves, Blair Manning Prospective Members:

Danielle Meredith, Bob Kent, Doak Field, NicoleWesthoff, Michael Ritchie Guest:

Suzanne Freeman of the Picayune, Lee Kirkland, Jennifer Raley, Julie Lewis

The meeting was called to order, opened with the pledge of allegiance to United States and Texas flags.

Introduction of guests in attendance.

No Commissioners in attendance.

Minutes from February 6 will be corrected to add two members who were in attendance. Reminder for everyone to sign in and provide any hours of work/study during the prior month. Hours are reported to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) annually.

Rachel reviewed the accounting report, detailed and summarized. With the more detailed and correct report being provided by the county, BCHC has the correct amount and interest needed to send Fort Croghan funds to the Heritage Society.

Rachel explained and recommended a new process to handle funds to be transferred to entities outside BCHC. A separate meeting will be called, to vote on fund transfers. Following the BCHC monthly meeting we will adjourn. A meeting will then be called to vote on funds to the Heritage Society.

The process was approved, seconded, and voted on by members.

Fuchs House Fire

- -Jennifer Raley owner of property as of 3/2020 in attendance
- -over the years concerns by City of Horseshoe Bay to approve permitting, halting rebuilding efforts
- -owners not sure about rebuilding due to costs, 2x what it was prior to fire
- -BCHC will work with engineer to access repairability

- -resolution to move forward to go to Commissioners Court
- -Jane Knapik motioned to research possible preservation of Fuch's House, Polly Krenek seconded motion, members voted to proceed
- -Blair Manning will assist with resolution

Joppa Bridge update

- -Rachel could not attend Commissioners Court due to conflicts
- having difficulty getting information
- -Motion made to donate books to library
- -Linda French made motion, Lela Goar seconded, all approved motion

Stringtown update

- -Saturday March 2nd cleanup of trash bad vines
- -5 participants
- -accessibility to cemetery much improved

CLG update on Stringtown

- -Amanda Seim and Lela Goar attended grant session for Stringtown grant BCHC received
- -first report due in May, have until 2026 to complete
- -Lee Kirkland found some GSDS map surveys from 1909, researching

Texas Ranger Markers

-Michael Ritchie announced 5 Texas Ranger markers approved in Smithwick Cemetery

Florence Reeves working on cookbooks, has original and 2nd publications, to be available for library anniversary celebration.

Bluebonnet Festival, April 12-14, 2024

- -need to check on location, front of library or Pierce St., books will be available for sale
- -need volunteers to work the booth

BCHC Annual report submitted to Texas Historical Commission. Rachel will send a soft copy to members.

Jane Knapik reminded of future field trips.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM. Next meeting is on April 2, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the Herman Brown Library in Burnet.

Rachel Bryson, Chairman

Terri Burger, Secretary