

Burnet County Historical Commission Minutes

April 2, 2024

The Burnet County Historical Commission (BCHC) met in regular session April 2, 2024 at 1:00PM.

Those in attendance include:

Members:

Chairman-Rachel Bryson, Vice-Chair-Polly Krenek, Treasurer-Carolyn Liles, Secretary-Terri Burger, Jane Knapik, Danielle Meredith, Mary Ellen Keith, Florence Reeves, Billy Hutson, Amanda Seim, Delbert Cain, Tommy Potts, Damon Beierle, Bob Kent

Prospective Members:

Julie Lewis, Doak Field

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

Fuchs House fire in Horseshoe Bay, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee of Horseshoe Bay is working with the city to see what can be done with the remaining structure.

Updates by Damon Beierle:

- Joppa Bridge, going down the path to get it repaired**
- The Joppa Community and BCHC will be active in assisting with the process**
- The Briggs Community Center is now officially owned by Burnet County**
- There is a 2 to 3 year restoration plan, the first update will be the roof and windows**

Mahomet Church rebuild following the fire is nearing completion. A grand opening is planned once completed, the church is located at 10451 FM 243 outside Bertram.

Minutes from April 2, 2024 were approved as read.

Report from Standing Committee Chairman:

CLG report: Lela Goar

- Stringtown, waiting on contract with the Texas Historical Commission (THC), once returned, can start working on grounds.**
- Untold Marker, writeup is being worked on. Minimum of five pages on the history of the cemetery. To be submitted to THC for review.**

-3 years to use grant money.

Blue Bonnet Festival:

- Book sales will be set up outside the Library on Saturday, April 13th.
- Credit Card reader has been purchased, need assistance in getting set up for use on Saturday. Doak and Damon will help with set up.
- Consider purchase of bags for future book sales, or use Burnet swag bags.

Finances

- Carolyn Liles reported County provides \$500 every year for BCHC expenses. Need to use the money first for expenses, or it is returned at the end of year.
- A PO must be submitted so it can be paid by County using these funds.

New Business:

Florence announced on April 26th at 11:00 AM the Library will have a Grand Re-Opening of the Elizabeth Van Gorkom Genealogical Research Center. This is the Burnet County repository for local and family history.

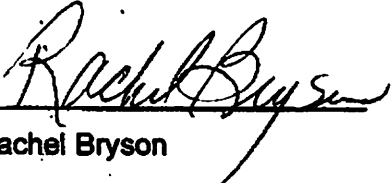
Jane recommended a field trip sometime in October to the Falls on the Colorado Museum. Currently under construction, opening up the second floor to preserve and share with the public, per Amanda.

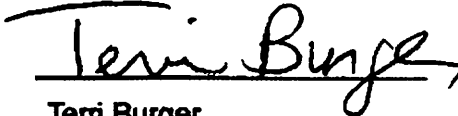
Discussion about updating the Burnet County family histories, information was submitted by families. Darryl Debo authored Burnet County History: A Texas Pioneer History, 1847-1979, a two volume set.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Change in meeting location:

Next meeting May 7, 2024 at 1:00 in the Historical Burnet County Jail located at 109 S Pierce St. The meeting room is located on the second floor.


Rachel Bryson


Terri Burger