

Burnet County Historical Commission  
April 4, 2023  
Herman Brown Free Library

Rachel Bryson, chair of BCHC, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Members in attendance were Polly Krenek, Mary Ellen Keith, Al Downing, Billy Hutson, Blair Manning, Lela Goar, Doak Field, Amanda Seim, Florence Reeves, Danielle Meredith, Jane Knapik, Lynda French, Carolyn Liles, Terri Burger, Caryl Calsyn, and Rachel Bryson.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM, followed by pledges to the flags. The chair recognized the attendance of Commissioner, Jim Luther.

Rachel reported that the new BCHC name tags for members have been selected. She will send out a list of members and order the name tags.

Commissioner Jim Luther discussed the 1936, 100th Centennial Marker, made of pink granite and new plaques are to be moved to the Southwest corner of the Burnet County Courthouse. The marker was found down the hill behind the LaQuinta Hotel. Commissioners are working with TxDot to achieve delivery within the next two to three weeks. Perhaps Joe Muck from TxDot can attend our next meeting.

Blair, Florence, and Amanda continue to work on the BCHC website. They have completed the information extraction from the old website. Assistance may be needed in the event that information from the Roots Website, which is going off line, may create the need for manual extraction. Members expressed thanks to Blair, Florence and Amanda for the task of re-creating a usable website.

Blair will get an update on the Joppa Bridge progress.

Polly said she will obtain information so members can begin getting the THC Medallion publication via mail.

The minutes from the March 7th meeting were approved.

An update was given on the Heritage Society, regarding the Darrell Debo will. His will states his request that Heritage Society money is to be shared with the BCHC. As a result, the commission's Treasure's report now lists \$20,776.86 as new revenue. BCHC members are also Heritage Society members, **as noted in the following attachment.**

Carolyn and Amanda are working to provide a more specific information account detail report. A question was raised on \$265.00 listed as history book sales. Amanda will look into that also.

Rachel appointed Lela and Caryl, both of whom knew Ina Cooper, to meet and bring a plan to the May meeting for using Ina's generous donation.

It was reported that the BCHC now receives \$1000.00 from the county designated for expenditures.

A discussion took place on the placement of markers for the Buchanan Dam Markers. Burnet County and Llano County will have markers on each side of the dam. Burnet County Historical Commission members are working on the application. The process can take one to two years to complete. Polly recommended that additional tin type posters be created and be added historical information and photos.

The need for a credit card reader was discussed to increase the sale of the history books, etc.

A Bible owned by C.E. Craddock was found in an abandoned house and given to the commission by the Bertram Post Office. We talked about displaying, photos, and the P.O. letter.


The Burnet County Fair is June 9th and 10th. BCHC will have a booth inside. We will need volunteers to assist in book sales. Also, it was suggested that we purchase of a tent for future outdoor events. and that perhaps it, and the books could be stored in the Agri Life building.

Rachel suggested that the commission needs a historian to be in charge of collecting newspaper items, etc. relating to the BCHC. Mary Ellen volunteered to do so. We received information on a traveling Smithsonian Exhibit for small cities across the country. Only six cities will be accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. The next meeting will be May 2nd at the Herman Brown Library.

  
Caryl Calsyn, Secretary

  
Rachel Bryson, Chair

  
Terri Burger, Assisting the Secretary