

Burnet County Historical Commission Minutes

May 7, 2024

The Burnet County Historical Commission (BCHC) met in regular session May 7, 2024 at 1:00PM.

Those in attendance include:

Members:

Chairman-Rachel Bryson, Treasurer-Carolyn Liles, Secretary-Terri Burger, Jane Knapik, Danielle Meredith, Mary Ellen Keith, Florence Reeves, Billy Hutson, Amanda Seim, Bob Kent, Lela Goar, Blair Manning, Caryl Calsyn

Prospective Members:

Julie Lewis

Guests:

Robert Brewer

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

No Commissioners in attendance.

- Joppa Community meeting on May 9, discussed need to form association, future of Joppa Bridge

Minutes of April 2, 2024 were approved as published.

Financial report

- No changes reported.
- Interest was accrued prior to the payment of \$1,613.79 to Fort Croghan being sent by the County. The accrued interest of \$35.12 will be voted on following this meeting. Recommended it be moved to Donations.
- Checking on the amount of funding the County gives BCHC and how funds should be used is under review. An expenditure report can be provided by the County on the amount of funds available during the year.
- 50 Bridge books have been printed, 150 additional in the process of printing.
- Recommended History book prices be reduced to assist in sales and consider updating.
- Lela Goar recommended lowering the price of History books to \$30 each, 2 Cemetery books reduced to \$15 total or 2 Cemetery books for \$10 and Supplemental book for \$5. All books purchased \$75 total. Seconded by Carolyn Liles.
- Voted and approved. Burnet County Fair will be using reduced pricing. Other points of sales will be notified of price reductions.

- Book sales of the Oatmeal Cookbook and Lake Victor will receive the proceeds of their sales.
- Discussed consideration of a burner phone for use with card reader, for internet connection and hotspot. Or using hotspots on personal cell phones. More research is needed. Will get with Doak, Rachel, Blair to test.

Need volunteers to work book sales at Burnet County Fair. Hours needed are Friday, June 7th 9:30 am to 7:00 pm and Saturday, June 8th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Amanda Seim, Chairman, at The Falls on the Colorado Museum provided information on the fund raising campaign to rehabilitate the Old Granite School which houses the museum.

Discussed future meetings to be held at historical locations in Burnet County. June 4th meeting will be held at Historical Burnet County Jail (address below), July 2nd considering Marble Falls.

CLG update by Lela Goar

- Overall grant for Stringtown Cemetery has been approved, 50/50 match, need to get contract signed,
- Have talked to some people who may have relatives located in cemetery,
- 5 pages written for Untold Marker, submitted and approved, marker is being worked on by the Texas Historical Commission (THC)

There will be a meeting after the BCHC meeting to discuss the cookbooks to be updated for the 75th anniversary of the Herman Brown Free Library.

Bob Kent identified that the Dead Man's Hole Historical Marker is incorrect. A correction can ask THC for the correction but it comes at a cost.

Danielle Meredith identified a need for floor repairs at the historic Crownover Chapel. The church was recognized by the State Historic Committee with a marker in 1972.

Florence Reeves recommended we have Amanda Seim as BCHC webmaster. Lela Goar recommended we approve, Mary Ellen Keith seconded, approved by vote.

Also recommended we assist with the Historical Marker for Peter Kerr home.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20PM.

Next meeting June 4, 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
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Terri Burger
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