

Burnet County Historical Commission Minutes

June 6, 2023

The Burnet County Historical Commission (BCHC) met in regular session June 6, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Those in attendance included: President – Rachel Bryson, Vice President – Polly Krenek, Acting Secretary – Lela Goar, Treasurer – Carolyn Liles, Jane Knapik, Mary Ellen Keith, Danielle Meredith, Tommye Potts, Florence Reeves, Amanda Seim, and guests – Paula Haase, Dorinda Barrett, and Dianna Hodges. The meeting was called to order and pledges to the US and Texas Flags were given. Rachel handed out copies of the membership and one copy for markup to address any mistakes, which will be corrected by next meeting. Minutes were emailed with copies for those who didn't receive and after discussion were passed as presented. Carolyn Liles gave the treasurer's report with an explanation of the different amounts and discussed issues that still need to be resolved with the report to clarify the different columns.

County Commissioners were not able to be present to give reports.

Guest speaker Dianna Hodges and Dorinda Barrett from Vision Lampasas were introduced. They presented a very interesting program on murals and local historic markers that have been placed around Lampasas and how the process started. They gave details on the procedures they go through on the murals and the impact it has on the building and business involved. Also discussed were markers placed on areas of historic importance to Lampasas even though not available for state markers and the impact that has had on local people and businesses. After the program was completed they were very kind to answer questions and offer assistance to help us get started if we decide to do something similar in Burnet.

Amanda gave an update on the website and recommendations for the route to take going forward. The motion was made by Lela Goar to go forward with the recommendations to choose Square purchasing system with Weebly as the design domain and seconded by Polly. Motion passed. Amanda recommended that we choose a domain name and buy both the .com and .org versions. Burnet County History was listed as available. Polly made a motion to choose the suggested name and buy both .com and .org. Lela Goar seconded and the motion passed.

Rachel discussed that she had worked with the county employees involved and they were able to buy a credit card reader for use at events to buy books. She also explained that it was not necessary to buy a tablet to be able to use the reader because of the availability of renting a hot spot from one of the county libraries at no charge. This was taken care of so that she would be able to use at the county fair over the next weekend. Volunteers were requested for Saturday, June 10th at the booth at the County Fair.

Tommye gave a report that the marker for the Buchanan Dam was filed on time but would be several months before notification of whether it is accepted or not.

Amanda also gave a report on the possible Smithsonian visit to Marble Falls. The paperwork has been filed but notification has not made yet on accepted locations for Texas.

Jane Knapik reported on the June 19th Celebration to be held at St. Fredericks in Marble Falls and encouraged everyone to attend.

The July meeting date was scheduled for July 4th, but due to the holiday it was decided to move it to another day. Rachel will check on that and let everyone know when.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Rachel Byrson

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