

**HOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**August 22, 2013 Minutes**

The Hood County Historical Commission (HCHC) met Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 5:30 PM at the Historic Hood County Courthouse in the first floor Treasurer's Office (HCHC Museum room), Granbury, TX 76048.

**Call to Order**

1. Roll call to establish quorum.

**HCHC Members:**

**Becki Barnes  
Michael Carmichael  
Christy Massey  
Vic Smith  
Mary Sutton  
Jewel Thompson**

**Visitors:**

**Edward Barnes  
Bob & Susie Kent  
Rich Merrill  
Jim Sutton**

2. Consider approval of Minutes for the July 25, 2013 HCHC meeting.

**Minutes from the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were not available.**

3. Treasurer's Report

**Vic Smith gave the Treasurer's report (attached), and reported no change from the previous month. Michael Carmichael made the motion to accept the Treasurers report. Jewel Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Old Business**

1. Consider and take appropriate action on any updates from Committees:

- a. Cemetery

**Vic Smith summarized his report (see attached). He has been in contact with Jenny McWilliams, Historic Cemetery Preservation Coordinator, at the Texas Historical Commission regarding the correct survey method to use on the Vinegar Hill Cemetery.**

- b. Marker

**Vic Smith presented his marker report, summarizing the progress on the Nellie Robertson, Wednesday Women's Club, and Hood County State Bank. (see attached). Christy Massey has the application for Nellie Robertson's marker almost ready to submit to the state.**

- c. Museum

**Members continue to search for a "book keeper's desk" and some enameled spittoons to complete the historic furnishings of the old Treasurer's office.**

**The upcoming visit in January of 2014 of Dr. Carla Kaplan, author of "Miss Anne in Harlem: The White Women of the Black Renaissance", was discuss with visitor Bob Kent. A Northeastern University literature and gender studies scholar, Dr. Kaplan's book devotes a major section of her book to the**

life of Josephine Cogdell, a native of Granbury, Tx. The Friends of the Library are working with various historic organizations in Hood County to raise funds to sponsor a visit by Dr. Kaplan, as a visiting author, in January of 2014.

**Christy Massey made the motion to contribute \$300 to the Friends of the Library to help sponsor Dr. Carla Kaplan's visit to Granbury in January 2014 as a visiting author. Motion was seconded by Vic Smith. Motion Passed unanimously.**

- d. Oral History  
**Beckie Barnes gave an update on the current oral history project her students at GHS will be working on: The Texas Historical Commission's Cold War oral histories, both military and civilian, that remain unrecorded or preserved. The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Military Sites Program has begun a new, two-year oral history series titled When the Lone Star State Met the Iron Curtain: Recollections of Texas in the Cold War. Granbury High School History students will be gathering oral histories for this project.**
  - e. History Appreciation  
**None**
  - f. Publicity  
**Sylvia Hickey was not here to report on item f.**
  - g. Other committee presentations and reports  
**None**
- 2. Update and take appropriate action regarding the Courthouse and HCHC Museum room at the Historic Hood County Courthouse.  
**See item 1.c. above.**
  - 3. Update on the donation of historic law books and display possibilities. Consider and take appropriate action.  
**Plans to reinforce the bookcases and rearrange the furnishings in the HCHC room were discussed.**
  - 4. Update and take appropriate action on HCHC's request that Hood County Judge and Commissioners to move Veteran's name board to the original site at the Historic Courthouse.  
**The members of the Commissioners Court would like permission in writing from the Texas Historical Commission giving the "go-ahead" to move the Veteran's name board back to the original location in the Historic Courthouse.**  
**The letter to the Texas Historical Commission will be written by the Chair regarding moving the Veteran's name board back to the Courthouse.**

5. Update and take appropriate action on Texas Historical Commission's Texas Treasure Business Award for businesses in Hood County.  
**Christy Massey gave an update on the status of county businesses eligible for the Texas Treasure Business Award. Some businesses that she has contacted are not interested in pursuing the award. Of those who are interested, the Lipan First National Bank & Lipan Telephone Co. have been submitted. Other interested businesses are still working on their application paperwork.**
  
6. Consider and take appropriate action on empty HCHC Board member position.  
**Christy has been in contact with Joyce at the Tolar City Hall for suggestions. Members will keep looking for a willing candidate.**
  
7. Update and take appropriate action regarding the subject marker and marker process for Nellie Robertson, first female County Attorney in the state of Texas and of Hood County.  
**See item 1.b. Christy has the narrative ready to go. The application is almost finished. The large marker is desired, and will be mounted on a metal post. The Commissioners Court will be asked permission to place the marker on the courthouse lawn in a suitable location.**
  
8. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding plans for the 2016 Hood County Sesquicentennial.  
**Members agree that a preliminary meeting in October of 2013 should be organized to invite the various local historical organizations, and announce that the Hood County Historical Commission will be the primary coordinating entity for Sesquicentennial events.**

### **New Business**

1. Presentation by Rich Merrill. Consider and take appropriate action on presentation.  
**Rich summarized the history and scope of his Hood County History video & staged event projects.**  
**This was discussed as a potential Sesquicentennial tie-in. The HCHC members expressed willingness to help offset his costs, within the limits of the existing budgets, in order raise the production quality of any end product that could be used during the Sesquicentennial event in 2016.**  
**Rich will attend the meeting in September will a cost figure of what he might need to complete the project.**
  
2. Closing remarks by Chairman and members.  
**Christy and attending members discussed the September meeting, and decided to move it up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in September.**

3. Consider & designate the date, time, & place of next meeting.  
**Next meeting: Thursday September 12, 2013 at 5:00 PM in the old Treasurer's office, first floor, Hood County Courthouse, 100 E. Pearl St.**

**Adjourn**

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