

**HOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
OCTOBER 24, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

The Hood County Historical Commission (HCHC) met on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 5:00 PM at the Historic Hood County Courthouse in the first floor Treasurer's Office (HCHC Museum room), Granbury, TX 76048.

Call to Order at 5:00 PM by Chair Christy Massey.

1. Roll call to establish quorum:

HCHC Members –	Beckie Barnes	Visitors -	Sylvia Hickey
	Michael Carmichael		Jim Sutton
	Christy Massey		
	Jewel Thompson		
	Mary Sutton		

2. Consider approval of Minutes for the July 27, 2013 and Sept. 26, 2013 meetings: **July minutes were not done yet – Secretary Mary Sutton still looking for the notes to that meeting.**

Christy Massey made the motion to accept the minutes for the September 26, 2013 meeting. Michael Carmichael 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Victor Smith was out of town. Christy Massey gave the Treasurer's Report. No change from September 2013. Mary Sutton made the motion to accept the report. Michael Carmichael 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. Updates from Committees

- a. Cemetery – **Members reviewed the status of Rough Creek Cemetery.**
- b. Marker – **Nellie Robertson Marker application has been received by the Texas Historical Commission.**
- c. Museum - **Christy Massey moved the green filing cabinet containing the school records to the corner of the room behind the large safe. Book cases were moved by Jim Sutton to the corner behind the door and the historic law books were set onto the shelves. The old table that had been used as a work table for many years by county maintenance was refinished and stabilized by Tim Flower, and returned to the HCHC room. Graffiti carved on**

the table indicated that it dated back to the 1940's. Tim Flower & Commissioner Deaver had spoken with Susan Gammage about mounting pictures, etc. on the walls of the restored courthouse. Permanent mountings were approved, picture rails were suggested. Jim Sutton volunteered to contact some of the Fort Worth museums, like the Kimble or Amon Carter, to see what it would cost to get the Judge Riddle portrait cleaned.

- d. Oral History – **Mary Sutton had been in contact with members of the Parkinson and Deering families who were willing to do oral histories.**
 - e. History Appreciation – **no report**
 - f. Publicity – **Sylvia Hickey gave an update. She reported that the Texas Downtown Association would be coming to Granbury in November 2014, and the courthouse would be involved in some way.**
 - g. Other committee presentations and reports – **none.**
2. Update and take appropriate action regarding the Courthouse and HCHC Museum room at the Hood County Courthouse. – **see item 1.c. above.**
 3. Update the donation of historic law books and display possibilities. **_ The shelves have been moved but may need anchoring to stabilize.**
 4. Update and take appropriate action on HCHC's request that the Judge and Commissioner move Veteran's name board to the original site at the Historic courthouse. – **The THC in Austin approved as a permanently mounted item. A duplicate board for the Justice Center would need to be built. Members discussed what groups within the community might be willing to help sponsor this project.**
 5. Update and take appropriate action on Texas Historical Commission's Texas Treasurer Business Award for businesses in Hood County. – **Christy Massey made the presentation at the October 22 meeting of the Commissioners Court. Three businesses received their award: 1st National Bank of Lipan, the Lipan Telephone Co., Classic Chevrolet. Senator Birdwell helped with the presentation. Six more businesses are doing paperwork for the award.**
 6. Consider and take appropriate action on empty HCHC board member position. **_Members discussed potential people who might agree to be considered for the position.**
 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. above. Michael Carmichael**

made the motion to send the THC in Austin a check for \$100 for the marker application fee. Jewel Thompson 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

8. Update and take appropriate action regarding the 2016 Sesquicentennial.
_No new news. Members agreed that a statement regarding the event can be made at the meeting for the Candlelight Tour event.

New Business

1. Consider and take appropriate action on HCHC participation in the annual Candlelight Tour, December 6, 7, & 8, and decorating for the Christmas holiday. **Mary Sutton made the motion to confirm that the HCHC would participate in the Candlelight Tour. Becki Barnes 2nd the motion. Motion passed.**
Jewel Thompson made the motion that the HCHC allocate not more than \$250 to replace worn out Christmas decorations for the Courthouse. Mary Sutton 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
Mary Sutton would contact the Sheriff's department to schedule the trustees to help move heavy items down from the 3rd floor. Beckie Barnes confirmed that the Granbury High school student volunteers would be available to help decorate on Monday, November 25th.
2. Closing Remarks by Chairman and members. – **none**
3. Consider & designate the date, time & place of next meeting. – **November 21, 2013, 5:00 PM, same location.**

Meeting adjourned 6:00 PM

