Salado Historical Society Minutes

Oct. 2, 2017

Meeting Place: Salado Public Library

**Board members in attendance**: Hans Fields, Judy Fields, Andy Jackson, Jeannie Lively, Cathy Sands, Gary Stripling, Knox Tson, Sandi Wicker,

Not in attendance: Becky Butscher, Hulda Horton, Bill Kinnison, Dena Parks, Linda Reynolds, David Williams

**I. CALL TO ORDER**:

The meeting was called to order by President, Sandra Wicker at 6:00 pm.

**II. PRAYER & PLEDGES TO FLAGS**:

Prayer was given by Cathy Sands.

**III. APPROVAL of MINUTES**: Minutes of the September, 2017 Meeting were previously emailed out to the Board and were unanimously approved at the October meeting.

**IV. TREASURER’S REPORT-** Knox Tyson reported September opened with a balance of $15,950.77 and ended with a balance of 15,616.72. In addition, the SHS’ CD has a current value of 10,111.89. The Board approved payment of $2,644.01 to Don Mears for his work on the cabin. This amount included $2500 in labor costs and $144.01 for materials. In addition, the Board approved payment of $268.25 to Linda Griffith for costs associated with Go-Daddy Website Builder for 3 years.

**V. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS-**

**a. Landmark Awards-Cathy Sands**

The following was confirmed as the current List of Potential Landmark Awards:

1- The “Old Post Office”

2- The Shed,

3- The Rue House

4- The Museum

**b. Cabins-Cemetery-Gary Stripling**

**Cabins-*The Hutchen’s Writer’s Cabin*** Don Mears completed the Ice Box Add-On with an old 3-door Oak Ice Box installed inside. Don also rebuilt and installed the original cabin front door.

 Remaining Exterior (EXT) and Interior (INT) items to be completed:

1. EXT-installing the original “rain gutter” on the ball park side,
2. EXT-installing the original “lightning arrestor” on the roof
3. EXT-adding trim boards under the eaves on each end,
4. EXT-replacing the chimney cap,
5. EXT-final placement of the rock border around the perimeter,
6. EXT-setting of the circular stone cistern cover on a pedestal,
7. EXT-extending the cabin site pathway to the entrance to the cabin,
8. EXT-installing the new cabin sign.
9. INT-resetting the loose fireplace bricks,
10. INT-rebuilding the fireplace surround and mantel
11. INT-installing shiplap on the interior eaves
12. INT-installing trim boards around the interior perimeter
13. INT-installing cardboard on interior walls,
14. INT-installing the two original bookshelves,
15. INT- finalizing the selection of interior furnishings: a small desk, chair, army cot, overhead light, typewriter.

**Cabin Construction Cost:** A rough Estimate of Total Cost at completion remains at approx. $6,000 / under the planned $10,000 budget.

**Cabin Sign:** **Sandi took the action of having sign made for the Hutchen’s Cabin similar to those at other historical locations in Salado. It was agreed to pursue this approach.**

**Cabin Dedication:** Sandi also discussed planning a future Writer’s Cabin Dedication and is requesting volunteers to clean up the cabin site.

**Cabins-Land Lease Renewal-Hans took the action to determine if the Cabin Site Land Lease renewal is required. He recalls it was originally a 50 yr lease and that the 50 yr lease was up and after that the agreement was year by year BUT he will confirm.**

**Cemetery- *The Salado Cemetery Tour* will be Oct 7 from 4:00 to 6:00.**

**c. Christmas Homes Tour-Cathy Sands, Sandi Wicker**

**The current Christmas Home Tours Committee consists of: Sandi, Hans, Dena, Becky, Judy, and Linda.** A discussion was held on the Christmas Home Tours. **The immediate need is to get the TICKETS made. A map is needed for the tickets.**

The current list includes the following:

Barbara and Berry Starcher  432 O W Lowrey

The Liz Lively home at 1299 Mackie Drive

The Baines House Museum on Royal Street

Nancy Seiler home 207 Royal View Road

The Episcopal Chapel on Main

The Masonic Lodge on Church Street

The Methodist Church Chapel on Royal

The log cabins on Van Bibber

**d. Historic Preservation-Linda Reynolds- *No Report This Month-Oct***

 at the September meeting Linda discussed the very important topic of the

 Salado Creek Preservation and water quality and presented the idea of

 identifying Salado Creek as a Historical Landmark site. Linda also

 provided info on the Salado Salamander and its importance as a positive

 indicator of the water quality of Salado Creek.

**e. Program Committee-Hulda Horton- *REMINDER***

**The next event is the Fall Membership covered dish chili supper on Monday, Nov 6th at 6:00 pm. This will be the November SHS meeting.**

**f. Public-Affairs-Publicity-Knox Tyson- *No Report This Month-Oct***

**g. Tours-Hans & Judy Fields *No Report This Month-Oct***

In September, Linda Reynolds and David Williams completed their previous action to follow the CD guided tour to determine what changes need to be made.

They provided specifics of what needed to be fixed with the conclusion the **TOUR CD NEEDED TO BE REDONE with New Signs and new Audio.**

**h. Ways & Means-Hans Fields *No Report This Month-Oct***

**VI. OLD BUSINESS-**Gary Stripling previously brought up the two items below that remain to be addressed as Old Business.

**a. SHS Meeting Minutes should be posted:** in order to keep all SHS members informed. **Sandi reported that the previous SHS website is no longer active and that Linda Griffith has agreed to be the new website administrator and has agreed to set up a new SHS website. Linda attended the meeting and provided an excellent overview and requested that all SHS related inputs go through Sandi for posting on the website. Linda provided the following contact info:** **linda@tbcinternational.com** **and her cell is 254-466-9065. After the meeting Gary sent the previous 2017 SHS Minutes to Sandi for posting. Once these are posted on the website, this action can be closed.**

**b.** P**ublishing a Quarterly Newsletter:** to keep the SHS members informed. Sandi previously requested the Board members take this into consideration with further discussion at the next meeting.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS and/or COMMENTS**

1. **Jeannie Lively provided an overview the of the recent PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY update that includes SALADO photos and documentation she had provided through the Salado Library. She clarified that the Salado Library is listed as the “Collector”. This was accomplished by North Texas State University through a GRANT and any future inputs would likely require a new GRANT.**
2. **The Board approved the following as the new SHS mission statement**

***“To locate, educate, and preserve the history and the historical integrity of the Village of Salado”***

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS / VILLAGE ACTIVITIES- *No Report This Month-Oct***

**IX. Meeting adjourned 7:45**

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