Salado Historical Society Minutes

August 7, 2017

Meeting Place: Salado Public Library

**Board members in attendance**:1-Becky Butscher, 2-Hans Fields, 3-Judy Fields, 4-Hulda Horton, 5-Doris Kemp, 6-Dena Parks, 7-Linda Reynolds, 8-Cathy Sands, 9-Gary Stripling, 10-Betsy Tyson, 11-Sandi Wicker, 12-David Williams,

Not in attendance: Andy Jackson, Bill Kinnison, Jeanie Lively, Knox Tyson

**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 Sandi Wicker.

**III. APPROVAL of MINUTES**: Minutes of the June, 2017 Meeting were previously emailed out to the Board by Gary Stripling and were unanimously approved at the August meeting.

**IV. TREASURER’S REPORT-** Knox Tyson reported at the June meeting that the SHS was doing very well on finances. There was no meeting in July due to the 4th of July picnic. There was No Report provided this month.

**V. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS-**

**a. Landmark Awards-Cathy Sands / Sandi Wicker**

The following compose a List of Potential Landmark Awards that were discussed:

1- The “Old Post Office”-there were multiple Old Post Offices in Salado including the Stage Coach Inn log cabin. Discussion related to specific Old Post Office for Landmark Award.

2- The Shed,

3- The West Salado African American Cemetery (already has a State Marker),

4- The Museum

**b. Cabins-Cemetery-Becky Butscher and Gary Stripling**

**Cabins-*The Hutchen’s Writer’s Cabin*** completion progress has been slowed due to the need for a 3-door Oak Ice Box to build into the outside of the cabin as the original cabin had. After searching the internet and Antique shops and Malls in TX and OK, a 3-door Oak Ice Box was located by Gary and Beth Stripling and has been purchased at a reasonable price for installation in the cabin. With this, the exterior of the cabin can be completed.

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

**Cabin Sign:** Sandi discussed having sign made for the Hutchen’s Cabin like done 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-*Wedding Venue-***After requesting the Cabin site as a wedding venue through Hulda, a wedding ceremony was held in July. There were no charges and the wedding party left the site in great shape.

**Cabins-Land Lease Renewal-**Hans recommended the Cabin Site Land Lease Renewal be reviewed to determine if a renewal is required.

**Cemetery- *The Salado Cemetery Tour*** will be Oct 7

**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 current list includes the following homes: Liveley’s, Siler’s, Starcher’s, and Shipman’s. Head docents will be needed for each house. There are also 3 churches on the Tour and the Masonic Lodge.

**d. Historic Preservation-Linda Reynolds**

It was reported the Fowler House SOLD as commercial Offices for a Real Estate company. This House has a National Historical Marker

**e. Program Committee-Hulda Horton**

Thanks to Hulda and Sandi, the 4th of July event was a great success. The next event is the September Fall Membership meeting-covered dish dinner. Sandi discussed possible guest speakers.

**f. Public-Affairs-Publicity-Knox Tyson**

No Report This Month

**g. Tours-Hans & Judy Fields**

Discussion related to the Salado Tour tapes and whether updates needed to be made. Linda Reynolds and David Williams agreed to follow the tour to determine what changes need to be made.

**h. Ways & Means/ Cemetery Tour-Hans Fields**

No Report This Month

**VI. OLD BUSINESS-**

**a. SHS Meeting Minutes should be posted :**in order to keep all SHS members informed. Sandi previously reported that the previous SHS website is no longer active and that a new forum for posting SHS Board Minutes would have to be determined.

**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-**

No New Business

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS / VILLAGE ACTIVITIES-UPCOMING TVDOT**

Upcoming DOT meeting on Aug 15 for 2 hrs / subject Main Street

**IX. Meeting adjourned 7:45**

Gary Stripling,

SHS Secretary 2017