Salado Historical Society Minutes

May 1, 2017

Meeting Place: Salado Public Library

**Board members in attendance**:1-Becky Butscher, 2-Hans Fields, 3-Judy Fields, 4-Hulda Horton, 5-Andy Jackson, 6-Jeanie Lively, 7-Dena Parks, 8-Linda Reynolds, 9-Cathy Sands, 10-Gary Stripling, 11-Knox Tyson, 12-Sandi Wicker.

Not in attendance: Bill Kinnison

**I. CALL TO ORDER**: The meeting was called to order by President, Sandra Wicker at 6:00 pm.

**II. PRAYER** an opening prayer was delivered by Gary Stripling to start the meeting.

**III. APPROVAL of MINUTES**: Minutes of the April Meeting were previously emailed out to the Board by Gary Stripling and were APPROVED at the May meeting.

**IV. BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION-**Sandi informed the Board that David Yielding resigned from the SHS last month. The SHS wants to thank David for his outstanding support of the SHS in the past and for his gracious and positive attitude.

**V. NEW BOARD MEMBER SUGGESTIONS-** Sandi informed the Board that one new board member needs to be added to replace David Yielding and requested suggestions. Discussion followed by various board members and several individuals were identified as possible candidates. These included David Williams, Dr. Ed Bigbee, and the wife of the new City Manager who will be moving to Salado in the near future. Follow up with potential candidates will be done before next meeting.

**VI. TREASURER’S REPORT-** Knox Tyson reported the SHS is doing very well on finances with an April beginning balance of $18,756.75 and an April closing balance of $18,531.52. This amount does not include an additional $10,000 CD.

**VII. CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR DISCUSSION-** Sandi led a discussion on the need to identify a new Chairman for the Christmas Home Tours Committee. The current Home Tours Committee consists of: Sandi, Hans, Dena, Becky, and Linda. They agreed to meet Thursday at 10:00 am at Hans’ and Judy’s house. To discuss going forward. Discussion of including several local churches in the tour. Sandi also suggested including the cabins as part of the tour in that they will be decorated and the SHS could provide refreshments at the cabins.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Gary reminded the board members that we have OPEN Old Business actions from previous meetings that need to be CLOSED.

**OLD BUSINESS-1**: It was previously decided at the February meeting by the Board that the **SHS Meeting Minutes should be posted** in order to keep SHS members informed. Sandi took the action to send the Minutes to Pete Stebbins to post on the website. Sandi 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.

**OLD BUSINESS-2**: At the February meeting there was discussion about the importance of **publishing a Quarterly Newsletter** to keep the SHS members informed and Sandi expressed how excellent the previous Newsletters were that were published by Nancy Kelsey and her daughter. Sandi requested the Board members take this into consideration with further discussion at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS-3** Sandi agreed to assist Cathy in coming up with a **list of potential Landmark sites** for review and discussion by the Board at a future meeting. Sandi pointed out that the Hutchens' cabin would receive a Salado Landmark designation.

A question was raised related to designating a location as a Salado Landmark IF it had been moved in and was not original to Salado. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS-4** Becky Butscher took an action from the February Meeting to have **the signs on the cabins updated** with the correct phone numbers.

**VIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**:

1. **Archiving Committee**-Jeanie Lively reported she recently did a webinar focused on using “Flickr” for archiving materials. She explained that the SHS could set up an account for free and upload materials including photos and textual that would be available to to the public. Gary supported this as an excellent idea as a free way to provide SHS information to the public.

Sandi and Andy also brought historical books related to the Robertson Colony and asked Jeanie about including them in the Library as resources for local history.

1. **Awards Committee**-see previous discussion
2. **Cabins & Cemetery Committee**-Gary reported the next step is to complete the covering of the exterior with cedar shingles. Once that is completed, the next step will be to install the windows and door. The goal is to reinstall the original windows and the original door. The large window will have to be rebuilt due to extensive water and termite damage to the original large window frame. Sandi reported she is contacting the Master Gardeners for recommendations for pioneer vegetable gardens for the cabin site which may require a small sprinkler system to be installed.

**D. Christmas Home Tour Committee**- see previous discussion

**E. Finance Report-**see previous discussion

**F. Historic Preservation**-no report this month

**G. Membership**-Andy reported 3 new members have been added.

**H. Memorials**-no report this month

**I. Program Committee-** Hulda reported on the 4th of July meeting will be at noon at the Salado High School. She stated arrangements have been made with the school and choirs.

The SHS will provide fried chicken and attendees will bring sides and dessert.

Sandi reported Ft. Hood is providing LTC Kevin Admiral to speak about patriotism and the Army.

**J. Public Affairs/Publicity**-no report this month

**K. Ways and Means**-no report this month

**L. Immediate Past President**; Bill Kinnison was not present

**IX. Other Business**

1. Appoint Audit Committee: no report this month
2. Scholarship Committee / Sandi and Jeanie have met with principals from SISD about starting a Junior Historian Club in the Middle School.

**X. New Business and/or Comments: n**o New Business this month

**XI. Fund Raising** –no report this month

**XII. Miscellaneous /Village Activities**: no report this month

**XIII. Meeting adjourned 7:30**

Gary Stripling,

SHS Secretary 2017