Salado Historical Society Minutes

April 3, 2017

Meeting Place: Salado Public Library

Board of Directors (BOD) 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-Knox Tyson, 11-Sandi Wicker.

Not in attendance: Bill Kinnison, Gary Stripling, David Yielding

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

**II. OPENING PRAYER**. A prayer was delivered to start the meeting.

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

There were no Minutes for the March meeting due to the meeting being the Spring Membership Dinner with guest speaker. Approximately 45 people attended the Membership Dinner including several new members and first time attendees.

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

**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.

**IV. Committee Chair Reports**:

1. **Archiving Committee**-Jeanie Lively reported she sent photographs to the Portals of Texas History at University of North Texas (UNT).
2. **Awards Committee**-In the February meeting Cathy Sands reported she had identified a number of places in Salado that could get a Landmark designation.

**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.

**C. Cabins & Cemetery Committee**-Sandi Wicker reported the Hutchens Writer’s Cabin is coming along. Carol and Nick Cicalese came from New Jersey to help us get started and their son, Little Nick, and his family came from Conroe, TX to help. Nick and his son worked on the cabin for 9 full work days, including weekends, completing the framing, structure, roof, windows and door framing and external plywood covering. The roof was constructed from old 2 X4s and shiplap planking since it will be visible from inside the cabin as the original roof was. They also installed the original tin roof sheets which were salvaged from the original cabin. The tin roof sheets were installed in the exact order as the original cabin by lining up the old nail holes in the tin. You will see that the tin roof on the door side of the cabin is the small bead (rippled) tin and the tin roof on the back of the cabin is the large bead tin. This is exactly how Eustice Hutchens put the roof on the original cabin. They worked through bad weather and were relentless in getting the cabin up and the roof on before they left Salado. Several volunteers from the SHS and the community came to help. The SHS provided lunches and water and Sandi made sure the coffee pot was always providing Nick’s “life blood”. After Nick, Carol and Little Nick left, Don Mears picked up the project with help from Gary Stripling. Don completed covering the exterior plywood with tar paper, sealed the chimney structure to the cabin, installed ¼ inch plywood interior, and completed the interior framing of the windows and door. The Goal is to be finished with the cabin in plenty of time for the Christmas Home tours. Sandi is going to talk to Keep Salado Beautiful (KSB) about adding some 1800’s gardens.

**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

**D. Christmas Home Tour Committee**-Dena Parks announced that she feels overwhelmed by the Home Tours and doesn’t feel that she can handle it. There was much discussion but no resolution.

**OLD BUSINESS-5**: It was agreed this should be addressed and will continue be a topic on the Agenda for next May Board meeting.

**E. TREASURER’S REPORT** was provided by Knox Tyson on behalf of Treasurer Betsy Tyson. Knox reported there was a deposit of $1,495.96 made in the last month bringing the SHS account balance to $18,756.75 The Financial Report is made a matter of record and is available to all SHS members upon request.

**F. Historic Preservation**-Linda Reynolds reported on her attendance at the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) meetings and Alderman meetings

**G. Membership**-No Report provided

**H. Memorials**-No Report provided

**I. Program Committee-**Hulda Horton gave a great report on the SHS Membership Meeting. We picked up a few new members and had several people attend for the first time. The 4th of July meeting will be at noon at the Salado High School. She will make arrangements with the school and choirs. Sandi has been working at Ft. Hood to get a speaker from there. Hopefully to talk about patriotism and the Army.

**J. Public Affairs/Publicity**-Knox Tyson No report

**K. Ways and Means**- Hans Fields, Judy Fields No report

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

**V. 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
3. The SHS sent a standing wreath to Mike Kelsey’s funeral with the $80 cost unanimously approved by the Board.

**VI. New Business and/or Comments /** No New Business this month

**VII. Fund Raising** – T Shirts / Knox provided examples of SHS T-shirts for consideration.

**VIII. Miscellaneous /Village Activities** / No Report this month

**IX. Meeting adjourned 7:30**

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