

Montgomery County Historical Commission
Minutes June 17, 2013
Magnolia Depot

1. **The meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission was called to order** on Monday, June 17, 2013, at 6 p.m. at the Magnolia Depot in Magnolia, TX, by Chairman Larry Foerster. (The meeting was delayed due to accident on 1488).
2. **The following members** were present: Larry Foerster, Gertie Spencer, Brenda Beaven, David Frame, Martha Gandy, Celeste Graves, Nancy Jackson, Anna Sheppard, Beverly Tucker, Barbara Hamilton, Betsy Powers and Sue Ann Powell.
3. **Recognition of special guests:** Sharon Russell, who shared information about Spring Creek County which was a provisional county between 1839 and 1840; Lonnie and Sonja Clover and Shannon Reed of the Montgomery Historical Society; Luther Powell; and incoming members MarLynn Harris, Jim Walker and Joel Deretchin. The following members of the Magnolia Historical Society were present to conduct tours of the Depot, the Old Doctor's Office and the Sawmill: Odessia Ross, Pauline Lehmann, Pat Zaiontz, Katrina Welch and Steven May.
4. **There were no comments from the public.**
5. **Gertie Spencer made the motion to accept the May minutes as written and Martha Gandy seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
6. **The following nominees for membership in the Historical Commission** were introduced: (1) Joel Deretchin played an important role on the growth in The Woodlands as part of The Woodlands Development Company, and a school has been named for him. He is part of the Living History of Montgomery County and will represent South Montgomery County. **The motion to accept his nomination was made by Gertie Spencer and seconded by Nancy Jackson. Motion carried.** (2) MarLynn Harris' ancestors attended the 1836 Convention. She is also related to the Cut and Shoot Harris family. She taught Art History, Sculpture and Jewelry Making and has repaired five Sears Roebuck houses. She is a member of the DRT and the East Montgomery County Historical Society. **The motion to accept her nomination was made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by Betsy Powers. Motion carried.** (3) Jim Walker's interest is in the history of the Texas Revolution. He transferred to Conroe in 1975, but his grandfather was born in Cut and Shoot. He was actively involved in the establishment of the Flag Park and was responsible for picking the 13 flags. **The motion to accept his nomination was made by Brenda Beaven and seconded by Celeste Graves. Motion carried.**
7. **The following update concerning the Historical Commission** was given by Larry Foerster:
 - He has received a donation of \$50 in memory of Ann Gentry and realized there was no provision for accepting private donations. He presented A RESOLUTION BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF PRIVATE DONATIONS TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO BE PLACE IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR to the MCHC members. The donations will be tax exempt. **The Resolution was accepted by acclamation.**
 - Shannon Reed announced that Montgomery will be celebrating the 175th birthday of the Texas Flag in January. Larry will broach the subject to Commissioner's Court and ask for \$5,000 to participate in this project.
 - Special Montgomery County Landmark Site Markers (not historical markers) will be on the next meeting Agenda.
8. **Brenda Beaven reported on the Youth Advisory Board**, announcing the upcoming meeting on Monday, June 24th at 5 p.m. at the Conroe Chamber of Commerce. There is still no representative from The Woodlands. All Historical Commission members are invited to attend.
9. **The proposed Commission black and white emblem designed by Jay Hrivnatz** was discussed. Jay had suggested to Larry that all five versions be adopted. **The motion was made by Barbara Hamilton and seconded by Anna Sheppard to adopt all five versions. Motion carried.**
10. **The Website Committee report was given by David Frame** who announced that the Website had been working as of May 23rd. He stated there was work to be done and instead of Pintrest, HistoryPin will be added. Facebook has received 36 "Likes" as of today. montgomerycountyhistoricalcommission.com or mchctx
11. **Discussed the request for payment of \$14,250 for repairs to Thomas Chapel Church.** Gertie Spencer and Jay Hrivnatz met with Nancy Jackson and have submitted the amount to the Auditor Supervisor.
12. **There were no requests for reimbursement of expenses.**
13. **The next meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission** will be August 26th at the Conroe Chamber of Commerce.
14. **The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.** and some members stayed for a tour of the Depot and Magnolia Historical Society grounds.

Submitted by:

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