

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes 1-6-2014

Heritage Museum

1. **The January 6, 2014 meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission was called to order at the Heritage Museum at 5:30 p.m.** by Larry Foerster, Chairman.
2. **Members in attendance:** Larry Foerster, Brenda Beaven, David Frame, David "Jay" Hrivnatz, Anna Sheppard, Betsy Powers, Jim Walker, Lonnie Clover, Heather Montgomery, Maria Jordan, Barbara Holland and Sue Ann Powell.
3. **Special guests,** Robin Montgomery; Joe Kolb and Luther Powell were introduced.
4. **Robin Montgomery announced that the annual Huntsville celebration** on March 1, 2014, will include a section on the Tennessee-Texas Connection from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
5. **The motion to accept the minutes, as written, of the 11/4/2013 meeting was made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by Jim Walker. Motion carried.**
6. **Updates by Commission members were as follows:**
 - Anna Sheppard "passed the hat" for a donation to the Heritage Museum for hosting the meeting.
 - Larry Foerster presented a Resolution in support of a person, identified as Economic Development Director, whose responsibility would be to help businesses and homeowners preserve and improve the downtown area of Conroe. This area, designated as "Conroe Central", contains some of the City's most priceless historical business and residential structures on both sides of the Missouri Pacific railroad. **Anna Sheppard made the motion, with a second by Brenda Beaven, endorsing the Resolution: The City Council for the City of Conroe create the position of Downtown Conroe Economic Development Director in its 2014-2015 budget to assist city staff, business owners, property owners, historical preservation organizations, non-profit stakeholders, and residential owners in the preservation of property values and the promotion of economic and cultural growth in the downtown geographical area that has been identified as "Conroe Central". Motion carried.**
7. **David Frame gave an update on the Commission Website:**
 - Still needs to link together Social Media part, and still looking for someone to keep it updated.
 - Calendar will one day identify historical markers, etc.
 - Unique County Historical Marker – could put throughout County. Will need to appoint committee at a later date. Property owner would pay for the sign.
8. **Brenda Beaven gave an update on Youth Advisory Board activities:** Ten members manned 5 locations at the Montgomery Candlelight Tour. The Youth will be helping at the History Road Rally on January 25th.
9. **The upcoming History Road Rally plans and assignments** were reviewed:
 - Registration will take place on January 25th, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Elementary School Cafeteria (located in the back of the building on the North side).
 - Briefing – 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Participants will get clues at 1:30 p.m.
 - Participants will be able to use I-Pads and Smart Phones. Must take picture of one team members at each historical site and fill out Clue Sheet.
 - Each participant will receive an i.d. button which will serve as a souvenir of the event. (Tot.Cost - \$120).
10. **The following Road Rally expenses were discussed:**
 - \$63.00 – Trophies; \$133.78 – Fliers; Total \$196.78. **Motion was made by Jay Hrivnatz and seconded by David Frame to reimburse Larry Foerster \$196.78 for the Trophies and Fliers. Motion carried.**
 - Decision was made, by consensus, to purchase reusable directional signs @ \$200.
 - Donation of \$500 by Gullo Ford was acknowledged.
11. **Printing bid proposals for "Montgomery County Historical Timeline" were discussed:**
 - HPN Books – low bid \$4,475, for 500 book, 240 pages, B&W, with ISBN number; Precision - \$5,267; and Impact - \$5,931.
 - **Motion was made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by David Frame to accept the bid by HPN Books. Motion carried.** These books will be ready for the Road Rally. Members will decide later about ordering 50 hard-bound books for libraries.
 - **Prices were discussed and it was decided, by consensus, to sell the first editions of the book for \$20; (could raise price to \$25 for the second editions). Will sell at wholesale price (\$15) for a minimum number of copies to the Museum, etc. Complimentary copy will be given to County Judge and Commissioners. The book will be sold, at cost, to Historical Commission members. The original members (14-15) of the Youth Advisory Board will be given free copies.**
12. **Members were reminded to turn in their Volunteer Hours. The next meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission** is set for March 3, 2014, at the Chamber of Commerce.
13. **Motion was made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by Betsy Powers to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.**

Submitted by:

Sue Ann Powell, Secretary