

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes 1/5/2015

Greater Conroe Chamber of Commerce

1. **The January 5, 2015 meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission** was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Larry Foerster, Chairman.
2. **Members in attendance:** Larry Foerster, Sharon Russell, Brenda Beaven, Mark Canada, Carolyn Carroll, Jeremiah Dancy, Victoria Endsley, David Frame, Barbara Holland, Frank Johnson, Robin Montgomery, Heather Montgomery, Sue Ann Powell, Anna Sheppard, Gertie Spencer, Beverly Tucker and James Walker.
3. **The following guests were recognized:** Craig Doyle, County Judge; Pat Easley, applicant; Bob Shepard, applicant for County Historical Marker; Wayne Mills, friend of Bob Shepard; and Luther Powell.
4. **Craig Doyle, newly-elected County Judge, shared with the members** his deep roots in Conroe, along with his philosophy—"Those of us who drink the water should appreciate those who dug the well."
5. **Anna Sheppard made the motion, seconded by Beverly Tucker, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried.**
6. **Larry Foerster gave a report on the Courthouse Historical Marker Dedication on December 8, 2014.** He then recognized Victoria Endsley who printed the program and the courthouse booklet.
7. **Due to the successful sales of the Montgomery County Historical Timeline,** Larry has ordered 100 more books. The hardbound copies sell for \$35 and the paperback copies for \$20. Larry announced that Robin Montgomery has a new book coming out—Transformation of the Miracle City—Conroe and Montgomery County.
8. **Guidelines for historical preservation reimbursement grants were reviewed** by Gertie Spencer and Anna Sheppard, who clarified the use of the risers requested by Magnolia Depot Museum in their grant request. The three sections of risers are to be used to display the manikins that tell the story.
9. **The Magnolia Historical Society paid \$2,256.15 for the three sections of risers used** to display manikins in period clothing to depict the historical story being portrayed. It is the recommendation to have Celeste Graves write a letter explaining what these risers will be used for and attach the letter to the grant reimbursement request. **Motion made by Beverly Tucker that we reimburse Magnolia Historical Society for the risers, and seconded by David Frame. Motion carried.**
10. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **MCHC Website and Facebook** – David Frame explained it was too expensive to put payment for books on PDF at this time. Beverly Tucker suggested getting Instagram and Victoria Endsley also recommended it. She explained it is primarily pictures and she and Beverly will work on it. David stated he is behind in getting cemeteries on website. He asks that members get information to him. .
 - b. **Youth Advisory Board** – Brenda Beaven reported that we have great students—don't have as many members, but have juniors and will have more continuity. Alondra Garza is setting up Instagram for YAB. A Willis student is setting up Facebook. The YAB members will assist with the Road Rally.
 - c. **MCHC Grants--Anna Sheppard and Gertie Spencer** – this was covered in #8.
 - d. **History Road Rally January 24** - Larry presented Road Rally button designed by Victoria Endsley and explained 100 would cost \$120. Each participant would receive a button promoting the Historical Commission. **Motion to purchase the Road Rally Buttons was made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by Beverly Tucker. Motion carried.**
(Roger Stein Chiropractor wanted to set up a booth and pay us a fee. Too late this year. Suggestion: Sponsor a "hole", i.e.: location at each one of the clues)
11. **Consider approval of application for county historical markers: Bob Shepard's Barber Shop. Discussed** what needs to be on marker? Style/structure of building? What do we expect for narrative? Concern – need to have guidelines that others have to live with. Submit to committee – finalize in two months.
12. **Consider a standing Cemetery Committee and an Endangered Building Committee.** For later Agenda..
13. **Consider a resolution supporting preservation of historic Conroe buildings.** Larry will work with City Council and explain our vision for the city, retail, tourism. Our job as stewards of history. What can we do to recognize our history and honor our history.
14. **Consider a scholarship program for deserving Youth Advisory Board seniors.** For later Agenda.
15. **Consider reimbursement for MCHC member expenses.** For later Agenda.
16. **Sharon Russell nominated Patricia Easley for membership in the Montgomery County Historical Commission, and Heather Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
17. **The next Commission meeting will be March 2, 2015.**
18. **The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Sue Ann Powell
Secretary