

Hays County Historical Commission
Saturday, December 4, 2010
Marianne & Perry Moore
740 Willow Ridge Drive, San Marcos

Meeting was called to order at 10:45 am by Chairman Kate Johnson as members Linda Coker, Jim Cullen, Bonnie Eissler, Robert Frizzell, Betty Harrison, Shelley Henry, Linda Keese, Richard Kidd, SarahAnn Lowther, Marianne Moore and Ofelia Vasquez-Philo gathered around the pool with ten guests present. The setting, on a warm December day under the spreading branches of live oak trees, with a view of nothing but the golden, red color of fall foliage for miles, was perfect for our last meeting of 2010 in Hays County.



Chairman Kate Johnson passed out applications for us to reapply for commission. All have to reapply, serve on a committee and come to every meeting.

Marianne Moore moved to accept the minutes from October 28, 2010. Shelley Henry seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Betty Harrison reported that the Historical Marker application period has ended for the year. Applications were submitted for Cementerio del Rio and Southside School (Bonham School building). The deposit has been paid for the cemetery. Waiting for invoice on Southside marker.

2010 will be 50th anniversary of Recorded Texas Historical Landmark program. Texas Historical Commission has planned something special for the occasion. January 2011, THC will supply us with a list of RTHL structures within Hays County, along with an inventory form listing the particulars of each – address, owner, general conditions, etc. We have until Preservation Month (May) to update our RTHL forms.

THC Marker program staff will input our updated information, starting June 2011, with the intention of making available on THC website by 2012. A maintenance version of this inventory will equip all CHC's with consistent assessment process to administer.

CHC's that complete RTHS survey materials by May 31, 2011 will be entered in a drawing. Three counties will be drawn. Each will receive one complimentary marker for 2012 application during standard due dates that score high enough for approval by THC commissioners.

Harrison will be asking for help once HCHC inventory arrives to verify all information.

Bonnie Eissler reported she, Robert and Richard interviewed Mary Giberson at her home in Buda for Oral History and hope to have her video ready for a public screening early 2011, maybe January.

Another 'Voice of Hays County' interview will be done in a few weeks of Hays County Sheriff Bobby Kinser (1965-1977). Several veterans of WWII are on waiting list.



Richard Kidd said Buck Winn DVD is now available on our website for sale. He received a request from Deputy Hays County Sheriff Jeff Jordan to add a link on our site to all historical markers along with a photo. THC has all the information.

Chairman Johnson said there were a couple of snags like water and waste water hookup connections – a \$6,200 addition to the renovation bill – that might push our start date on the old Hays jail to mid-January.



Shelley Henry reported the Fundraiser committee met before Thanksgiving and decided May 6 would be a good day for a party at the jail. It would coordinate with Heritage Association tour of homes (Friday before). The site would be cleaned of debris, galvanized tin carport and old shed. No problem closing off the street by police department at no cost. Richard Kidd will develop budget for lights, stage and sound.

Jim Cullen said Historic marker application for Cementerio del Rio has been submitted. Plans for Cocke and Antioch Cemeteries' Historic Texas Cemetery designations to be completed this month.

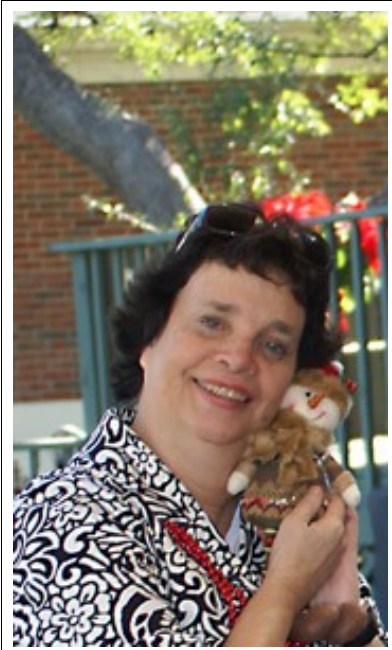
The commission has had a number of recent contacts, re: Dye Cemetery, Jeff Jordan's research on burial sites of early Hays County sheriffs, Dripping Springs area sites, and – most recently – what the Hearn-Kerbow book described as a possible lost gravesite, the Capt. W.M. Holt 1859 gravesite, which Deputy Sheriff Hernandez located (by stumbling over it while hunting) near where our authors searched twenty years ago – a tombstone Tula Townsend Wyatt documented. Linda Coker and Cullen accompanied the deputy to the site, north of the Blanco River east of interstate, took photos of the stone's remnants to document and place into county deed records. Site needs further investigation for verification. Will apply for historic cemetery marker if needed.



Marianne Moore said Cottage Kitchen will be open next Friday, December 10 for final time in 2010, hosted by the Guild. Come give us a big send off. Will reopen in January.

Richard announced a Buck Winn showing on Tuesday, December 7 at Wittliff Gallery on 7th floor of Alkek Library. Texas State has sent 350 VIP invites. Heritage

Association has issued over a hundred invites. Reception is 5:30 pm. Documentary at 6:15 pm.



Kate and fuzzy from Shelley

HCHC will meet next February 24 at Old City Hall in Kyle.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am with a motion by Jim Cullen and a second by Linda Coker. Marianne Moore honored Kate with a birthday proclamation and spa gift card from commission members. We feasted on a delicious buffet prepared by members as Kate opened festive birthday presents. It was a fun time for all.

Thanks again to Jim Cullen, Betty Harrison and Bonnie Eissler for copies of their reports. Capturing data spoken from many levels around a pool is challenging at best!

Recording Secretary,
Linda Keese