

## HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



**Thursday, April 25, 2013  
Camp Lucy, 3509 Creek Road  
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620**

The April 25, 2013, meeting of the Hays County Historical Commission was called to order at 6:48 by HCHC Chairman Kate Johnson. A quorum was met as the following members were present: Delbert Bassett, Marie Bassett, Sue Cohen, Linda Coker, Luanne Cullen, Jim Cullen, Bonnie Eissler, Max Floyd, Robert Frizzell, Dorothy Gumbert, Betty Harrison, Carmen Imel, Kate Johnson, Richard Kidd, Jo Landon, SarahAnn Lowther, Ida Miller, Clemmie New, Joe New, Ofelia Vásquez-Philo, Ralph Randow. Eight guests were also present.

1. **Announcements:**

Kate Johnson announced that a Historical Marker Clean up Day was scheduled for May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bob Brinkman from the Texas Historical Commission would be coming to show us how to properly clean markers. Markers to be cleaned include those at the San Marcos Cemetery, Driftwood Cemetery, Lime Kiln in San Marcos, and the Hays County Courthouse. The May HCHC meeting would be held on May 23 in Buda.

The Hays County Food Bank food drive had out-of-date food donated last year so checks were being gathered to purchase fresh items. Checks can be made out to Hays County Food Bank.

2. **Vote on accepting minutes from March 28, 2013.** Jim Cullen moved to accept the minutes; Linda Coker seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **101 Ranch screenings**—Richard Kidd reported that, at the last screening in Buda at the Onion Creek Sr. Center, 75 people came and many bought DVDs. There are no screenings scheduled for May. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Music Center in San Marcos, a screening will be held with the SM Heritage Association at 2:30. The Courthouse Museum will also be open.
4. **Oral History Committee Report**—Bonnie Eissler reported that the oral history committee met on April 4th at the courthouse to welcome our new members and discuss plans for future projects. One new project will be a print publication.

- Marie Bassett will chair this subcommittee. Also in April, Richard Kidd, Robert Frizzell, Bonnie Eissler, and Clemmie New met with Judge Charles Ramsay at his home in Wimberley to interview him for an oral history. Clemmie conducted this interview. Richard conducted a photography workshop for committee members before the HCHC meeting at Camp Lucy. Committee members brought their cameras and some old family photos and learned how to identify good historical photographs and how to take good still photographs.
5. **Cemetery Committee Report**—Jim Cullen reported that plans were being made for the marker dedication at Cementerio del Rio which is east of San Marcos. He asked Ofelia Vásquez-Philo to provide more information. Ofelia said that the Natal family members who have loved ones at Cementerio del Rio would like to help with the event. She would like to have the dedication at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 16.
  6. **Courthouse Committee Report:** Linda Coker said that the project for the museum from the graduate students is coming along and a meeting with designer is planned for next week. She needs volunteers for Saturday, May 4 from 2-6:00.
  7. **Employee Appreciation Dinner**—Linda Coker described the celebration that will be held May 9 during the evening instead of during lunchtime. She also reminded everyone to consider donating money for the food bank and donations for door prizes.
  8. **Ecology Committee Report**—Delbert Bassett had a committee meeting before this meeting to get to know each of the committee members and try to make plans to become organized. They discussed the process of measuring trees and described the largest tree measured at this time between San Marcos and Wimberley. Eric Becker with the Texas Forest Service provided instructions for measuring trees.
  9. **Historical Marker Committee Report**—Betty Harrison described the well-attended marker dedication at the Southside (Bonham) School on April 20. Ofelia thanked the HCHC for getting the marker and said that all members of the Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos were pleased with the event. The Free Press has a nice story and photo of the dedication. Betty also said that the information on Bunton Branch Bridge and Stagecoach House has been sent to the foundry.
  10. **Old Hays County Jail Report**—Kate reported that bids had been received for Phase 2 and that the \$197,000 bid was being accepted. With the contribution of \$35,000 from the Burdine Johnson Foundation, we would have \$209,000 to begin the work. Jerry Borcharding from the County Road Department would help clean the lawn around the Old Jail.
  11. **Hispanic Committee Report**—Ofelia Vásquez-Philo reported that a celebration for Cinco de Mayo will be held on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Cuauhtemoc Hall at 200 Knox Street, in San Marcos (the hall is located next to the Dairy Queen at IH 35 and Guadalupe St./Hwy. 123). A luncheon and entertainment will be provided. During the summer, El Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos is having a camp for children from 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grades who will be learning about engineering and math.
  12. Kate asked all chairmen to meet with her after the meeting to discuss the budget.

13. **Adjourn**—Linda Coker moved that the meeting adjourn; Delbert Bassett seconded the motion which passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

14. Supper and guest speakers followed the meeting.

Kim Graner, a Dripping Springs Girl Scout Leader, and two of the girl Scouts presented their project of providing a digital historical walking tour of downtown Dripping Springs.

Whit Hanks, owner of Camp Lucy, described the history and development of the event center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Luanne Cullen, HCHC Secretary

