

HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Thursday, May 25, 2017
Mr. Clayton Morgan
1811 Spoke Hollow Rd.
Wimberley, Texas 78676

The May 25, 2017, meeting of the Hays County Historical Commission (HCHC) was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by Chairman Kate Johnson. A quorum was met as the following members were present: Delbert Bassett, Linda Coker, Luanne Cullen, Robert Frizzell, Irma Gaitan, Eddie Gumbert, Dorothy Gumbert, Kate Johnson, Richard Kidd, Lila Knight, Jo Landon, Cindy Meyer and Ralph Meyer. One guest also attended.

Announcements: Kate Johnson thanked Clayton Morgan for hosting the HCHC meeting and presented him with the county's history book, *Clear Springs and Limestone Ledges*, and the DVDs of local history produced by HCHC. Mr. Morgan discussed the history of the house and burned rock midden and shared various points and manos (grinding rocks) that had been found on the property. He then invited the members to walk to the Suhm Midden and see the markers that were on display there. After returning to the house, Kate continued her announcements. She thanked the HCHC members for their sympathy upon the passing of her mother on May 2 and appreciated the flowers that were sent and the attendance of six members at the May 11 funeral service. She also said that Dorothy Woods Schwartz, a former member of HCHC and co-writer of *Clear Springs and Limestone Ledges*, had passed away on May 1 at her home in Alvarado at 97 years of age. She was the great-granddaughter of Col. Peter Cavanaugh Woods, and she also collaborated with Janice Woods Windle in producing the book *True Women*. Kate said that Mr. Rowe Ray from the San Marcos Lions Club would like for a member of HCHC to speak about Hays County history at one of their meetings. She asked if any member was interested to see her. Lila Knight discussed the possibility of having a brochure that would describe various sights in Kyle and shared one from Temple, Texas that was a good example. Kate said that the next HCHC meeting would be held on June 22, 2017, in Wimberley. In the magazine, *Texas Architect*, the 18 Preservation Texas Honor Awards were presented which included the Kyle Railroad Depot and Heritage Center.

1. **Vote on accepting minutes from April 27, 2017**—Irma Gaitan moved to accept the minutes; Ralph Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Kyle RR Depot and Heritage Museum Report**—Jo Landon reported that Jerry Hendrix with the City of Kyle said that the senior group had asked about volunteer opportunities in the community. Trisha Randow attended two of the senior luncheons in Kyle and left business cards and Depot Volunteer

Applications. Several donations to the Depot included benches, a railroad crossing sign, Missouri Pacific books, pamphlets, and an agent's hat. She reminded members that the depot is open each Sunday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and also on Kyle Market Day Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

3. **Oral History Committee Report**—Richard Kidd reported that they have been resupplying DVDs to the Kyle Depot and Courthouse Museum and they are now stocked.
4. **Horticulture Committee Report**—Delbert Bassett said that the committee is continuing to research various trees for size.
5. **Cemetery Committee Report**—Jo Landon provided updates on the Pitts Cemetery. She said that maintenance issues have been discussed through phone calls, email messages, and meetings with descendants.
6. **Hispanic Committee Report**—Mimi Gaitan reported that she, as co-chair of the committee, had attended the Buda Main Street Dedication Ceremony, Two Points Campsite, in Dripping Springs, and the Cinco de Mayo luncheon at the Cuauhtémoc Hall in San Marcos. She is gathering information about the historical status for Cuauhtémoc Hall. She also reported that Texas Dept. of Transportation is considering naming the bridge/overpass at Hwy. 123 and IH 35 for Alfonso Rodriguez, the first Hispanic Police Officer for San Marcos. She will continue to approach other cities/communities within Hays County for information about Hispanic issues and activities and will propose the renaming of the committee in the future.
7. **Historical Marker Committee Report**—Luanne Cullen reported for Marie Bassett who was in Scotland. The Antioch Colony Cemetery Undertold Marker application was accepted but it would be several months before knowing if the application is successful.
8. **Courthouse Committee Report**—Linda Coker said that volunteers would be needed at the courthouse for the Wine and Art Walk on June 9; Main Street Program had a lunch to bring together the different local organizations involved in heritage and preservation to brainstorm how to better coordinate and support each other's efforts and to start the process of a more concrete component to the SM Master Plan. Groups represented were Heritage Association of San Marcos, LBJ Museum, El Centro, Indigenous Cultures Institute, HCHC, Price Center, SM Downtown Assoc., and the City of San Marcos. HCHC and the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) created two brochures in 1989, one for walking and one for driving. CVB recently came across copies of them, scanned them and emailed them to Linda in hopes that they can be updated and republished. In the guest register at the courthouse museum, someone had noted that the gun on display needed cleaning. Ralph Meyer had volunteered to clean and oil the gun.

Adjourn—Dorothy Gumbert moved that the meeting adjourn; Eddie Gumbert seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Supper followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne P. Cullen, HCHC Secretary
(photos courtesy of L. Cullen)

