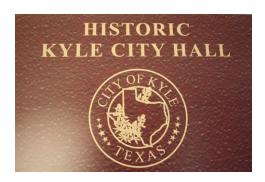
Hays County Historical Commission

February 22, 2012 Historic Kyle City Hall Kyle, Texas



The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chairman Kate Johnson. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance: Robert Frizzell, Jim Cullen, Betty Harrison, Marie Bassett, Richard Kidd, Luanne Cullen, LaMarr Petersen, Jeff Jordan, Celeste Zygmont, Samantha Bellows, Shelley Henry, Ofelia Vásquez-Philo, Marianne Moore, Linda Coker, Lu Hickey, and Clemmie New. Also in attendance were six guests.

- 1. Announcements—Kate Johnson thanked the members for collecting checks. She also mentioned that names of possible donors can still be given to her to contact but that we will actively go after grants and foundations, such as the Lola Wright Foundation. We have applied to that foundation for \$100,000 and will find out later this spring if we receive the grant.

 Next meeting will be held at March 22 at Buck Winn's house in Wimberley.
- 2. Vote on accepting minutes from January 25, 2012. Jeff Jordan moved that the minutes be accepted; Samantha Bellows seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted by all members.
- 3. Web Site Committee Report—Richard Kidd said that the HCHC Facebook page is up, and he thanked those who "liked" it. It is tracking the email addresses and a number of names have been added. Photos are currently being included.
- 4. Vox Pop Report—Richard Kidd noted that he has enjoyed meeting people after a showing. After the Dripping Springs showing, he received a phone call asking if we wanted a Vox Pop game which has everything in it. He brought the box and passed it around for viewing. He has purchased the game from the owner and said it will be added to the Courthouse Museum.
- 5. World War II History of Hays County Documentary. Richard Kidd said that we have some good interviews. Bonnie Eissler has been going through interview set ups but they have been cancelled. Editing has been organized, but it has been

shown that we started too late for WWII veterans, and it has been a hard and slow process.

- 6. Cemetery Committee Report—Jim Cullen reported that the tombstone that was located on the TxState campus will be picked up by people from Alexander Cemetery in Collin County who are coming to Austin to make the hand off this spring. Kate mentioned that the Rylander Cemetery in Guadalupe County, where the early Rylanders are buried, is in disrepair with cows roaming around.
- 7. By-Laws Report—Linda Coker said that she and her committee met and are proposing a change in the By-Laws, Article IV, Officers, Section I from "Each such officer shall serve no more than <u>three</u> consecutive terms" to "Each such officer shall serve no more than <u>four</u> consecutive terms." Also, in Article VI, Committees, Section I, "The Chairman of each standing committee shall be appointed by the HCHC Chairman and shall serve no more than 3 consecutive terms" would be changed to "The Chairman of each standing committee shall be appointed by the HCHC Chairman and shall serve no more than 4 consecutive terms." Linda moved to accept the changes, and Marie Bassett seconded the motion. All members voted to accept the changes.
- 8. Kate reported on several programs and events that would be interesting to the members:

Texas Preservation Summit presented by Preservation Texas will be held March 22-23. At 10:30 a.m. on the 22nd, an announcement of the 2012 Texas' Most Endangered Places List will be made on the South Steps of the Texas State Capitol. An application for the old Wooden Jail has been submitted and will be placed on the list. Press releases will be sent out to local newspapers after the announcement. The workshop for Texas' Most Endangered Places is from 1:00-4:30 on the 22nd after the luncheon. Contact Kate or Luanne for registration information.

The **Texas State Historical Association annual meeting** will be held in Houston, March 1-3. You can check out the registration information and program at http://www.tshaonline.org/annual-meeting.

The **Texas Leadership Institute**, a Program of TCRE (Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship), has a course being offered that will be taught by staff from the Texas Historical Commission on March 7 in Waco. The course is "Developing a Historic Preservation Infrastructure for your Community."

Presented by the **Texas Historical Commission (THC)** with the support of the Friends of the THC, the **Development Seminar Series**—including the popular Texas Grant Writing Workshop—presents several workshops and seminars in Austin on best practices in fundraising. Registration ends March 2 for the March 6-8 sessions that include Development 101: Understanding How to Secure Financial Resources for your Nonprofit; Grant Writing Workshop:

Understanding Special Project Funding; and Strategies for Developing a Supportive Community: Social Media, Membership and Special Events.

9. Announcements:

Marianne Moore provided information about the Communications Oral History event on February 28 from 9:30-10:50 a.m. at TxState in Centennial Hall, Room 410. "The Importance of Communication in Oral Histories, Scottish History and Tradition" will be presented by Mr. Larry Sears, CEO of E-Ian Resources, a former Russian analyst for the U.S. military, and member of the McLeod Clan.

Marie Bassett also invited everyone to come to the next program sponsored by the Dripping Springs Heritage Circle on Sunday, March 4 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Dripping Springs, 203 Hwy 290W: "From Frontier to Franchise, Dripping Springs Oral History Roundtable." Admission is \$5 unless you are over 75 and then it's free. Panelists include Lila Gillespie, Marie Eckols, Charlie Haydon, Commissioner Ray Whisenant, and Billy Rippy.

Ofelia Vásquez-Philo announced the upcoming Mariachi Festival at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in San Marcos, March 2-3. The concert will be Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Jeff Jordan said that one of his students gave him photos and a certificate of her grandfather, Alfonso Rodriguez, who was the first Hispanic police officer in San Marcos. Ofelia said that the Centro is looking for photos of Hispanic "firsts" in San Marcos. Also Jeff announced that Sheriff Gary Cutler, the Hays County Sheriff's Office, and the Hays County Citizens Sheriff's Academy Alumni Association would like to invite all law enforcement officers and staff and Hays County District Attorney's Office staff, to attend a presentation by Mr. John Shanks of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund on March 20, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn

Betty Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting; Samantha Bellows seconded the motion. Motion passed by all members and the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Kate introduced Adell Hurst who spoke about the Renovation of the Historic Kyle City Hall. Dinner followed at Bordeaux's Restaurant in Kyle.

Respectfully submitted, Luanne Cullen HCHC Secretary

Please see the following photos from the meeting.

