

## HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



**Thursday, April 23, 2015**  
**Don and Jill Woods**  
**Wimberley, Texas 78676**

The April 23, 2015, meeting of the Hays County Historical Commission was called to order by Chairman Kate Johnson at 6:20 p.m. A quorum was met as the following members were present: Delbert Bassett, Marie Bassett, Sue Cohen, Linda Coker, Jim Cullen, Luanne Cullen, Cathy Dillon, Robert Frizzell, Eddie Gumbert, Dorothy Gumbert, Betty Harrison, Shelley Henry, Carmen Imel, Melody Jaramio, Kate Johnson, Richard Kidd, Jo Landon, SarahAnn Lowther, Jerry Moore, Karen Moore, Tricia Randow, Ralph Randow, and Charlie Willis. Five guests also attended. Kate introduced Brian Hunt who spoke about the geology of the area and led the members to the Indian Springs outlet. The meeting reconvened at 7:05.

1. **Announcements**—Kate Johnson said that the next HCHC meeting would be held in Buda at a date to be announced. She also reported that the Historical Marker sign that was missing after being hit by a truck and trailer on CR 266 (Camino Real) had been found and taken to the road department for reinstallation. Also, on May 5, the County Judge would be reading a resolution during the National Preservation month to honor the HCHC and members in recognition of volunteer service. Members were invited to attend the Commissioners' Court meeting for the presentation. On May 1, the Katherine Ann Porter Literary Center in Kyle would host Elizabeth Crook, local author, who would be reading from her most recent novel, *Monday, Monday*. Kate also reported that the Old Baptist Church in the Dunbar Neighborhood in San Marcos was being sold due to its deteriorating condition. She also passed around a thank-you card to be signed and sent to Vivian and Jim McDonald for hosting the HCHC fundraiser on April 19. Hosts for the evening, Don and Jill Woods, were presented a copy of *Clear Springs and Limestone Ledges* and copies of the 7 HCHC documentaries. Don Woods described the history of their house and property. Cathy Dillon reminded members of the Heritage Association of San Marcos' Home Tour during the first weekend of May and distributed flyers.

2. **Vote on accepting minutes from March 26, 2015**—One correction was made-- in the Historical Marker Committee Report, Claire and Bruce Billingsley would be inviting the Historical Marker Committee [instead of the HCHC] to Wimberley's Zach House. Delbert moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Carmen Imel seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Buck Winn Murals**—Kate reported that the HCHC and Hays County Cultural Arts Committee had raised all funds needed to pay the Dallas art dealer, Larry Boettigheimer. The fundraiser on April 19 raised over \$10,000. The next focus would be on writing a Request for Proposal and sending it to prospective art restorers.
4. **Courthouse Committee Report**—Linda Coker said that a photo has been located that possibly shows the Col. Woods' house. It was sent from antique dealer in Houston. The Courthouse had been busy with various school groups who were touring the museum and building.
5. **Flowers, Shrubs, & Trees Report**—Delbert Bassett said that he and his committee were still waiting for more leaves to come out on the trees in order to get more accurate measurements of height, etc.
6. **Cemetery Committee Report**—Jo Landon said that the Cheatham Cemetery had been cleaned on April 4; the Hohenberg Cemetery was in need of cleaning and a work day would be scheduled in the near future; the Kyle Pioneer Family Cemetery's Historical Texas Cemetery designation was being finalized; and Jardine's located a wrought-iron surrounded gravesite at Allen Cemetery when they fenced several acres for their longhorns.
7. **Oral History Committee Report**—Sue Cohen said that her committee is still organizing information; making DVDs; finishing Bonnie Eissler's tapes; and completing the Cold War project. She was planning a meeting for new members of the committee to discuss the projects.
8. **Hispanic Committee Report**—Linda Coker reported that a celebration of Cinco de Mayo would be held on May 1 at the Cuauhtemoc Hall on Patton Street in San Marcos. The HCHC would be paying for another table so members who were interested in attending could sign up for the event.
9. **Historical Marker Committee Report**—Marie Bassett reported that work was ongoing on the Zach House application and that the THC would be helping to determine the type of marker. Also, Jerry Moore was working on an application for Jacob's Well, and Delbert Bassett had created a logo to be considered for the new County Marker. She also said that the Dripping Springs Heritage Circle's "If Tombstones Could Talk" walk around Fitzhugh Cemetery was a big success with over 150 people attending.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action to amend the By-Laws**—Kate discussed an amendment to Article III, Section One of the bylaws—“No more than 30 [from 35] members will be appointed by the Commissioners Court, commencing in January of odd numbered years.” Jerry Moore moved to accept the amendment and Jo Landon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. **Adjourn**—Shelley Henry moved that the meeting adjourn; Jerry Moore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. After dinner, Richard Kidd presented the documentary about General Edward Burleson. This documentary was the HCHC’s 7<sup>th</sup> documentary and was funded by the Burdine Johnson Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Luanne P. Cullen, HCHC Secretary

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