

HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 26, 2012

Stagecoach House & Visitors' Center

880 Main Street

Buda, Texas 78610



The April meeting was called to order by Chairman Kate Johnson at 6:24 p.m. Other members present were Robert Frizzell, Mary Giberson, Bonnie Eissler, Richard Kidd, Jim Cullen, Marianne Moore, Luanne Cullen, Shelley Henry, Betty Harrison, Linda Coker, Clemmie New, and Celeste Zygmont, as well as four guests.

1. Announcements:

--Kate said that the next HCHC meeting would be at Wonder World Park in San Marcos beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 12.

--She also directed members to the various sign-up sheets: Website committee, docents for the courthouse during the Heritage Weekend, May 5-6.

--Kate thanked Mary Giberson for helping to make special arrangements for our meeting at the Stagecoach House and Visitor's Center.

--Kate also acknowledged Linda Coker who was instrumental in the ribbon cutting today at the Hays County Courthouse Museum. Linda will be the HCHC representative on the Chamber of Commerce.

--Shelley Henry—The San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce's 5th Annual LUAU will be held Thursday, May 24th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Three Dudes Winery at 125 Old Martindale Road. Check out the website for more information <http://www.sanmarcostexas.com/>.

--Local mysteries were discussed—1910 corner stone from the old bus barn was identified as the one from the original San Marcos High School; the stone that Eli Merriman had signed needs to be located for his grandson to see; and a photo of a dogtrot cabin on display at the courthouse museum needs to be identified.

--Marianne Moore—TEXAS NATURAL AND WESTERN SWING FESTIVAL, Saturday, May 19 at the SM Courthouse Square, 10:00 am-5:30 pm. Also TEXAS WESTERN SWING HALL OF FAME SHOW, 7:30 pm at San Marcos Plaza by the River. Catfish dinner available. The website is:

<http://www.sanmarcostexas.com/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=419>

2. Vote on accepting minutes from March 22, 2012—Jim Cullen moved to accept the minutes, and Linda Coker seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. World War II History of Hays County Documentary—Richard Kidd said that the project is going right along. All oral interviews have been finished, and by the end of May, it will be finished. Committee members are working on location for the showing.
4. Historical Marker Committee Report—Betty Harrison said that there is no report on last year's markers. Marker workshops are coming up, and she will send news as it is received.
5. Oral History Committee Report—Bonnie Eissler reported that they have started more interviews about Kuykendall Ranch. Kate, Richard, and Bonnie went to Sweetwater, Texas to interview Curt Hoskins and his mother at his ranch. They then went to Goldthwaite to interview his sister. The Kuykendall Ranch was the largest ranch in Hays County in the early 1900s and was located west of Buda.
6. Cemetery Committee Report---Jim Cullen reported that a Mexican-American cemetery, located on the Abel Ranch in old Stringtown, was visited by him, Ofelia Vásquez-Philo, and Dr. Ana Juárez (Asst. Prof. at TxState) last month. Dr. Juárez has suggested TxState professionals might help with the restoration. The American Cat-Com company on IH 35 has a small Porter gravesite on the property—while the parking lot is undergoing construction, the company is working around the site.
7. Discussion and Possible Action in donating to the Pound House Farmstead Oak Tree—Kate spoke with the executive director of the Pound House in Dripping Springs, who said they have controlled the oak wilt at the site but the ball moss needs to be controlled. Kate asked if \$500 for the Friends of the Pound House could be donated by HCHC. Mary Giberson moved that HCHC donate \$500; Bonnie seconded the motion. Motion passed.
8. Kyle Depot—Kate said that things have changed at the location as the first phase is underway. The caboose and the depot have been moved by SpawGlass in order to prepare for utilities, and they will then remove the chimney, fireplace, upper level, and dormer before installing a new roof and building two brick chimneys. At this time, \$125,000 has been raised and \$50,000 is still needed by the middle of June in order to move forward with the second phase.
9. Courthouse Museum & Theatre—Linda Coker reported that the ribbon cutting today had about 50 people in attendance. She also spoke of the idea for First Saturday Heritage San Marcos that would include tours of area sites such as the Courthouse, museums, convention center, Visitor's Bureau, etc. She asked members to sign up as docents to help with scripted tours of the courthouse. The

Courthouse will also be open on May 19 for the Western Swing Day.

10. Heritage Home Tour—Shelley Henry said that tickets for the tour will be \$10 and are available at the Cock House and at the various homes. More information can be found on the Heritage website.

<http://www.heritageassociationsm.org/Hometour/2012/hometour2012.html>

11. HCHC Budget 2013—Kate reported that the budget is due in Auditor's Office on May 7. There are a number of funds that can be rolled over and others need to be spent. We hope to write a matching grant to help with the windows at the Courthouse. We also need to update our survey of the properties to be listed on the Register of Historical Places.

12. Adjourn: Betty Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting and Clemmie New seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Supper was served afterward.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne Cullen, HCHC Secretary

