

## LLANO COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

JANUARY 4, 2022

Members met at the Grace Episcopal Church in Llano, TX where Jo Williams gave a tour of the church and spoke about the history of the church. It is a beautiful church with a historical background. The LCHC then had its meeting in the activity room beside the church building. (This meeting was originally scheduled to be at the Valley Spring Primitive Baptist Church, but had to be rescheduled due to plumbing problems at the church.)

Members present: John Hollowell, Stanley Miller, Marcia Neuhaus, Linnie & Weldon Osbourn, Eddie & Sandra Overstreet, Virginia Walker and Margaret Wilkinson.

Chairman Virginia Walker called the meeting to order and then Secretary, Linnie Osbourn read the minutes of the last meeting on November 2, 2021. Sandra Overstreet made the motion to approve the minutes as read since it was what happened at the last meeting even though the members are aware now that information was discovered in research of past minutes that change some things, Margaret Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### RESEARCH FROM PAST MINUTES

Since the last meeting the Secretary, Linnie Osbourn had researched the minutes to answer the question raised at the November 2021 meeting about the cost of the markers for historical places that the LCHC has been working on. In this research, it was found that in October 2018, LCHC Chairman Linda Groff and Llano Main Street Tex Toler had met and discussed about the two organizations becoming partners in this effort. This was approved by the LCHC. At this time Linda Groff wrote a personal check in the amount of \$500 and Main Street paid \$500 and markers were ordered. In the December 2018 meeting it is stated that Linda Groff was paid \$500 from Llano County to reimburse her for the check she had given for the markers. Also, at the December 2018 meeting Tex Toler reported that he had resigned from Main Street. LCHC began the process of getting a criteria for getting one of these markers. Carl Shannon, Briley Mitchell and Linda Groff worked on the rules for this criteria. In the LCHC meeting of March 3, 2020 the motion was made by Sandra Overstreet and seconded by Linda Groff that LCHC move forward with the next step getting the criteria set up & approved by all parties concerned. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

Virginia began the meeting by reporting that she had met with Tony Guidroz of Main Street about them being partners with us on the historical markers. Main Street could not find any information on their part about it or even the markers that they bought. Tony liked the criteria and would talk to members of Main Street. Tony had a question about the part in the criteria about installing the markers. Members talked about it and a motion was made by Linnie to

take the part about installing the markers out, Stanley seconded the motion. Motion carried. The part about the installation will be removed from the criteria. Virginia will take this part out and type out a new copy of the criteria. Virginia will meet with Llano City and Llano County with this proposal. Virginia also stated that the cost of the markers had gone up and would be \$433 each. The 2 markers we have now can be priced at \$250 if anyone applies for one while we have them.

Briley Mitchell printed out a brochure of the old school buildings left in Llano County with background information for each on to be used for tourist visiting Llano County. He asked that the LCHC check information and get back to him. Margaret Wilkinson will check with her book that she has on the old schools of Llano County to find out if any information needs to be corrected or added.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Virginia stated there is also interest in getting a brochure on cemeteries in Llano County. The ones that have historical markers are listed in the book that the LCHC published on the historical markers in Llano County. Virginia suggested that this brochure also include the cemeteries that did not have historical markers and could be reached without going on private property. There was discussion about this and then the members decided for each member to find out information about a cemetery or cemeteries of their choice and work on that for the brochure. John will research Kingsland & Honey Creek, Marcia will do Tow, Margaret will do Baby Head, Wrights Creek & Mayes Chapel, Weldon & Linnie will do Valley Spring, Eddie & Sandra will do Board Branch & Flat Rock, Virginia will do Six Mile and Oxford, Stanley will do Cold Creek and can get information about Bluffton from Alfred Hallmark. Members need to try to get this information done by the end of this year 2022.

Virginia requested that we get her our volunteered hours so she can put them in her yearly report that she has to do for the THC.

The next meeting will be at the Valley Spring Primitive Baptist Church on March 1, 2022, at 4 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Linnie Osbourn, Secretary

#### CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION FOR MARCH MEETING

Due to Weldon & Linnie Osbourn now having other plans on March 1, 2022, the meeting in March will not be at the Primitive Baptist Church. **OUR MEETING FOR MARCH 1, 2022 WILL BE AT THE LONE GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST WHERE ALFRED HALLMARK WILL GIVE THE TOUR OF THE CHURCH & HISTORY. THE MEETING WILL BE AT 4 PM.**

The Llano County Historical Commission met at 4:00 PM on March 1, 2022 at the Lone Grove Church of Christ, with 8 board members and several members of the church and community present.

Alfred Hallmark gave an interesting history of the church, and members of the church provided refreshments for all present at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Virginia Walker, and the minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Under old business, Virginia reported that she had met with Llano Main Street and they approved our county historical marker and application. She will meet with the Llano City Council and the County Commissioners in the near future.

Under new business Kris Ritchens was present to report on our partnership with Llano County Historical Museum to gather information on our cemeteries. Kris advised that their goal was to put QR markers on every grave that would direct the participant to a website with information and stories about the deceased. Ideally, these would be placed next to a name on the location boards of the cemetery, not each grave. Unfortunately, most of our cemeteries do not have one.

Virginia shared that Heritage Day has been revived and will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The LCHC will be a participant, but the exact plan is not yet known. John Hollowell offered to speak to Jack Moss to see if we could set up outside his gallery.

The next meeting date is set for May 3, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Primitive Baptist Church in Valley Spring.

*Minutes done by Sandra Overstreet due to Secretary being absent*