

LLANO COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Members met at the St. John Lutheran Church at Castell, Texas at 4 PM. Jim Banner, president of the church told us the history of this church. The first Lutheran people were German immigrants coming over from Fredericksburg around 1893. The first ministers walked over from Fredericksburg & Cherry Springs to preach. At one time there were several different Lutheran churches in this area. This church was built in May 1926 on land donated by D.P. & Ida Hasse.

Refreshments were served in the fellowship hall by Betty Tuckness

LCHC members present: John Hallowell, Stanley Miller, Weldon & Linnie Osbourn, Virginia Walker & Margaret Wilkinson. Guests present were Jeff Townsend, Jim Banner, Jack Walker, Betty & Gerald Tuckness & Nancy Chism.

Due to the need of Jeff Townsend, Buchanan Dam Chamber of Commerce to leave early, he presented us with the information about trying to get a historical marker for Buchanan Dam. The LCRA does not want a regular historical marker placed there for the dam in case there were changes that needed to be made on the dam in the future. In this case, the Buchanan Dam Chamber is wanting to get a subject marker. He stated the plaque will cost \$2,000.00 and since the lake of this dam has Burnet County on the east side and Llano County on the west side, he wanted the 2 counties along with Buchanan Dam Chamber of Commerce to apply for this plaque and help to raise the funds to pay for it. At this time, the LCHC did not decide about any plans they might be done to go forward with this project.

There was no old business so we went to new business with Stanley Miller giving his presentation for one of our historical markers for his building located at 507 Bessemer Avenue, Llano, TX. Virginia went over requirements for receiving this marker and we agreed that his building met these requirements. Linnie Osbourn made the motion this his request be accepted for one of our markers, John Hallowell seconded the motion. Since his building is in the historical district in Llano, he will need to get the marker through Main Street. Virginia & Stanley will present this to the Commissioners Court at their next meeting.

Binky Morgan had filed an application for one of historical markers for the First Presbyterian Church in Llano, TX located at 1306 Ford Street. Virginia went over requirements for this building to receive the marker and we were in agreement that it met the requirements. Linnie Osbourn made the motion that we accept this application, John Hallowell seconded the motion. Application for this marker will be through LCHC and Virginia will present this to the Commissioners Court.

Virginia passed out information on Dickens of a Christmas that will happen in Llano December 2 – 4, 2022. There are many different kinds of things for all ages during this time. The Llano Historical Museum will have a Victorian Fashion Show on December 4, 2022.

Virginia also passed out invitations to her Sandstone Street Bed & Breakfast 10 year anniversary on November 6, 2022 from 4 – 6 PM.

There was some discussion about what the LCHC would like to do next year. Plans will be made to have a tour for people to visit the historical churches that we have visited in past 2 years. There are 2 in Llano, 1 in Lone Grove, 1 near Valley Spring and 2 in Castell.

Also, Linnie brought up that when Bitsy Russell was alive & Chairman of our LCHC, she had wanted us to visit the remains of the rock house near Honey Creek where the injured were brought after the battle with the Indians on Packsaddle Mountain. Jim Banner who was listening told the group that we could get in touch with Jim Moore to find out who to contact about us being able to go onto the land for this visit. Linnie is supposed to call Jim Moore about this.

The next meeting will be January 10, 2023 at the Llano Church of Christ.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Linnie Osboourn, Secretary