

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMUNITY
Minutes 8-27-2018
Chamber of Commerce

1. The August 27, 2018 meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Chair Larry Foerster.
2. Members present: Larry Foerster, Brenda Beaven, David Frame, Celeste Graves, Anna Sheppard, Ron Saikowski, Annette Kerr, Robin Montgomery, Barkley Dominey, Robin Bartholet, Jo Dell Whitehead, T. J. Wilkerson, Alexis Paul Sham and Sue Ann Powell.
3. Recognition of Special Guests: John Sellers, Director of Finance and Operation, Chamber of Commerce; Elijah Easley, Sweet Rest Cemetery, Tamina; Russell Cartwright, Sons of the Republic of Texas, Battle of San Jacinto, State Historical Marker; and Luther Powell.
4. Comments: Larry Foerster presented Celeste Graves a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her 99th birthday on Thursday.
5. Motion made by Ron Saikowski and seconded by Anna Sheppard to approve the Commission minutes of July 2, 2018. Approved.
6. Budget: Discussed the distribution of the \$30,000 Historical Commission Budget approved by Commissioners Court (H.O.) Motion by Ron Saikowski and seconded by Anna Sheppard to approve the budget. Motion carried.
7. Update on Montgomery County Historical Marker booklet: Ron Saikowski is working with the Shannon Overby with the City. Using Walker County booklet as an example.
8. Approval of a Resolution of support for a "Sacred Soils of the Texas Revolution" marker: Friends of the Flag Foundation. Time Capsule at the Flag Park with all the Battle soils and Resolutions to honor the Texians and Tejanos who fought for Texas Independence. Annual flag raising event to be held October 2, 2018. Ron Saikowski made the motion to approve the Resolution to be included in the time capsule, which will be opened October 2, 2035, on the 200th anniversary of the first battle. Alexis Sham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chronology of Texas Revolution: Troup Movements of the Texas Revolution. Sponsoring copy and give it out to 100 dignitaries. Have \$5,517 left in budget. Name (MCHC) on back. \$1,066 - Montgomery Historical Society for electrical work; \$940 - Magnolia Depot and Doctor's Office; \$3,511 - remainder. Motion by Jo Dell Whitehead and seconded by Annette Kerr to purchase 200 MCHC Maps of the Texian War for Independence with MCHC stickers. Have 100 available for different events, at an approximate cost of \$500.
9. Cemetery Workshop: Consider sponsoring a one-day cemetery restoration workshop in Montgomery, at a cost of approximately \$1,800, by Texas Cemetery Restoration Company. Limit 40 people. Supply water and charge \$10-\$20 for lunch. Reach out to the community. Tabled. Larry will reach out to other Commissions and his historical contacts: 1-day, \$10 box lunch. Revisit at next meeting. Motion to table sponsoring Cemetery Workshop until more research is done, made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by Ron Saikowski. Carried.
10. Committee Reports:
 - a. Distinguished Service Award Committee - no action.
 - b. MCHC Website and Facebook - John Sellers will get information and coordinate with David Frame and Larry Foerster in November.
 - c. Youth Advisory Board - Brenda Beaven stated she is trying to get in touch with counselors and History teachers. Meeting will be held on the third Monday in September. Considering application on line. Will accept applications until November.
 - d. MCHC Historical Preservation Grants: Anna Sheppard presented the following
 - \$1,066.26 -Montgomery Historical Society reimbursement. Motion by Anna Sheppard to grant the request for the Electrical repairs on the Old Baptist Church and seconded by Celeste Graves. Passed.
 - \$1,012.32 - Magnolia Historical Society. Motion by Ron Saikowski and seconded by Anna Sheppard to grant the reimbursement, with the necessary paper work, to pay for door and locks for the Magnolia Museum Depot and Dr. Ware's (Doctor's Office). Motion carried.
 - \$500 for the chronological map of the Texian War of Independence
 - Anna Sheppard made the motion, seconded by Brenda Beaven, to contact Sally Copley at the Heritage Museum to see if they could use \$2,100. Ron Saikowski will get paper work to Larry by tomorrow. Give approximately \$2,100 to Heritage Museum for reimbursement for cost of archive vault, pending proof of payment. Passed.
 - e. County History Marker Committee: According to report by Sharon Russell, Strake-Gray House marker should be ready in October. Began production this week at Southwell.
 - f. Endangered Buildings Committee: Ron Saikowski reported that Mike Postel, owner of the Everett Hardware Building (1911) is getting to the original structure. Two additional stories. 18 luxury lofts. Retail on first floor. Speculation that he may be moving a bank he owns in Humble to the adjoining old State Bank building.
 - g. World War I Committee: Sondra Hernandez will coordinate features in The Courier.
11. Reimbursements: None.
12. Nominations to Commission: Motion by Ron Saikowski and seconded by Annette Kerr to nominate Elijah Easley, whose background is in finance, banking and PR, to the Commission. He is trying to restore Sweet Rest Cemetery where slaves and other African-Americans' graves are under water in Tamina. Passed.
13. Next meeting: Monday, November 5, 2018.
14. Ron Saikowski made the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Sue Ann Powell, Secretary