

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes – June 26, 2017 – Conroe Chamber of Commerce

1. **The June 26, 2017 meeting of the** Montgomery County Historical Commission was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Larry Foerster, Chair.
2. **Members present:** Larry Foerster, Brenda Beaven, Anna Shepeard, Missy Ringo, Maria Banos Jordan, Ron Saikowski, Austin Smith, Frank Johnson, Barkley Dominey, Carolyn Carroll, T. J. Wilkerson, Kimberly Hignett, Robin Bartholet, and Sue Ann Powell.
3. **Special guests:** Beverly Smythe, who works in the County Clerk's office, expressed an interest in joining MCHC.
4. **No comments from public.**
5. **Anna Shepeard made the motion, and it was seconded by Frank Johnson, to approve the minutes of May 1, 2017 as written. Motion carried.**
6. **Announcements:** 1) Denton Florian wants to honor Sam Houston statue (Hermann Park) with a State Historical Marker and is requesting endorsements from adjoining counties. (This will have to be approved formally at the next meeting.) 2) Request money from Commissioners' Court to replace markers - \$2,900. 3) Special recognition for MCHC tomorrow at Commissioners' Court at 9 a.m. Distinguished Service Award. 4) Harold Hutchison is working on a self-guided tour of downtown Conroe.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Regional Meeting of County Historical Commissions** – Larry reminded members that MCHC can pay hotel and registration for representatives to attend the Real Places Heritage Conference in January.
 - b. **Distinguished Service Award Committee** – no report
 - c. **MCHC Website and Facebook**
 - 1) Consider approving new Website Host and other action related to website maintenance. Frank Johnson is still putting calendar information on and needs information from members of Commission. Suggestion: Check Waller County Website and Collin County Historical Commission Website. Consult with Victoria Endsley. **Motion by Ron Saikowski, and seconded by Anna Shepeard, "If David Frame, Frank Johnson and Victoria Endsley are in agreement, make decision to move from current host to "Go Daddy". Motion carried.** Frank will report back on their decision.
 - d. **Youth Advisory Board.** Brenda Beaven and Carolyn Carroll stressed the need for new students to become involved in YAB.
 - e. **MCHC Historical Preservation Grant applications** - none
 - f. **County Historical Marker Committee**
 - 1) Sharon Russell and Anna Shepeard have reviewed and approve County Historical Marker for Antioch Baptist Church founded in 1883 in Willis. **Motion by Anna Shepeard, and seconded by Ron Saikowski, to approve County Historical Marker for Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Willis. Motion carried.**
 - 2) Sanders Cemetery, Magnolia. **Motion by Anna Shepeard, and seconded by Ron Saikowski, to approve County Historical Marker for Sanders Cemetery in Magnolia. Motion carried.**
 - g. **Endangered Buildings Committee** – none
 - h. **Cemetery Committee** – none
 - i. **World War I Committee** – Larry reported for Jeremiah Dancy that he is getting the first draft together to edit.
8. **Reimbursement requests** – none
9. **Nominations for membership.** None. Beverly Smythe will apply.
10. **The next meeting of MCHC will be Monday, August 28, 2017.**
11. **Anna Shepeard made the motion, and it was seconded by Ron Saikowski, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Sue Ann Powell
Secretary