

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes – May 1, 2017 – Chamber of Commerce**

1. **The May 1, 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 Sheppard, Heather Montgomery, Mark Canada, Jeremiah Dancy, Frank Johnson, Robin Montgomery, Barkley Dominey, Carolyn Carroll, Jo Dell Whitehead, Kimberly Hignett and Sue Ann Powell.
3. **Special guests recognized:** Luther Powell.
4. **No comments from the public.**
5. **Motion to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2017 MCHC meeting as written was made by Mark Canada and seconded by Frank Johnson. Motion carried.**
6. **Comments:**
  - Larry reported that the Walking Tour of Downtown Conroe two weeks ago was well received.
  - Barkley, Mark, Austin, Larry and Ron participated in Kidz Fest last week.
  - Anna – The Confederate marker ceremony at Willis went well. Approximately 30-35 attended.
  - City of Conroe is working with John Eden and is going to adopt the Black cemetery. May ask the Commission to contribute a chain link fence.
7. **Consider partnering with Walker County Historical Commission on Sam Houston project.** Robin Montgomery - tying state of Texas and state of Tennessee together May 12 at Sam Houston Park. Theme: Native Americans.
8. **Discussed partnering with other county historical associations for a Regional meeting** in the fall to network. Committee was formed at March meeting: Robin Montgomery, Kim Hignett, Anna Sheppard, and Frank Johnson.
9. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Distinguished Service Award Committee** – Frank Johnson recommended Billy Ray Duncan of Montgomery. He is to put data together and submit.
  - b. **Website** – Frank Johnson has submitted 2 invoices and explained what he has done to update and clean up. He will get together with David Frame and get a different host and report at the next meeting. Jo Dell Whitehead suggested calling Amy at the State office to see if State could help with computer website setup. Frank will check. **Motion by Brenda Beaven and seconded by Carolyn Carroll directing Frank Johnson and David Frame to research and locate new web host and bring information to next meeting. Motion carried.**
    - (1) **Motion was made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by Heather Montgomery to approve the \$155.60 invoice for March from Frank Johnson. Approved.**
    - (2) **Motion was made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by Barkley Dominey to approve the \$234.00 invoice for April from Frank Johnson. Approved.**
  - c. **Youth Advisory Board** – Even though decision was made at the May meeting to require two years' participation in the YAB in order to be considered for the scholarship, members decided, by consensus, to make an exception and consider the application of Cameron Carr. **Motion was made by Brenda Beaven and seconded by Jeremiah Dancy to award a \$1,000 scholarship to Cameron Carr, graduating senior at Covenant Christian School, based on his participation this year. Motion was approved.** The funds for the scholarship will be taken out of the book sale/donations fund. Another recommendation was made by the Youth Advisory Board Committee regarding amending the bylaws to include home school students and students residing in Montgomery County but attending high school out of the county. **Motion was made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by Jo Dell Whitehead to amend the YAB bylaws to include home school students and student residing in Montgomery County but attending high school out of county. Motion passed.** A further recommendation was made into a **motion by Jo Dell Whitehead and seconded by Frank Johnson to not put names on polo shirts bought for the YAB students in the future. Motion carried.**
  - d. **MCHC Historical Preservation Grants** – none.
  - e. **County History Marker Committee** - June 3 – Grogan-Cochran/Heritage Museum Marker dedication.
  - f. **Endangered Buildings Committee** – no report.
  - g. **Cemetery Committee** – no report.
  - h. **World War I Committee** – Jeremiah Dancy reported they are looking for pictures. It will be a 250-page (6x9) paperback book. Several chapters are in. It will be edited by Christmas of this year and published in November 2018.
10. **Reimbursements for expenses** – none.
11. **Nominations** – none.
12. **Next Commission meeting will be June 26, 2017.**

**Anna Sheppard made the motion to adjourn and Frank Johnson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.**

Submitted by,

Sue Ann Powell  
Secretary