

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
CONROE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MINUTES 9/7/2017**

1. **The September 7, 2017 meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission** was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Larry Foerster, Chair.
2. **Commission members present:** Robin Montgomery, Robin Bartholet, Barkley Dominey, Frank Johnson, Gertie Spencer, Larry Foerster, Patricia Easley, Brenda Beaven, Kimberly Hignett, Mark Canada, Missy Ringo and Sue Ann Powell.
3. **Special Guest, Beverly Smythe**, Research Dept. in the County Clerk's Office. Nominated for the Historical Commission, and Luther Powell.
4. **Comments:** Brenda Beaven expressed concern that the 1854 Bridge is collapsing (slanting forward). Larry will talk to Commissioners and the City this week.
5. **Motion to accept the Minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting as written was made by Frank Johnson and seconded by Gertie Spencer. Motion carried.**
6. **Announcements:** Larry attended a session on Historic Resource Surveys at the Burnet, TX Historical Commission Workshop. Plans are to start working on Montgomery County Historical Survey. Need to determine best way to do this—hire consultant? Divide it up among members?
7. **Discussed partnering with Walker County in support of historical Marker for the Sam Houston Statue in Houston. Motion by Robin Montgomery to prepare a resolution to show this support, seconded by Missy Ringo. Motion passed.**
8. **Upcoming Events:**
  - **Regional Historical Commission Agenda** – Robin Montgomery, Frank Johnson, Anna Sheppard, Kim Hignett, Committee Members.
  - **Format:**
    - 9:00 – Pastries, Coffee, Fruit – 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church
    - 10:00 – Judge Doyal – Opening remarks
    - 10:15 – Amy Hammonds – Texas Historical Commission – Powerpoint
    - Displays of different counties
    - 12:00 – Lunch
    - 12:30 – Texas Heritage Trails
    - 1:15 – Roundtable
    - 2:50 – Closing Remarks
    - 3:00 Dismiss
  - **Robin Montgomery made the motion to approve the Agenda for the Regional Historical Commission Meeting and Frank Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
  - **Preparation Checklist:** 9:00 – 10:00 – Registration
  - No registration fee
  - Sponsors? Yes, but no booth display. List names
  - Pastries, coffee, fruit
  - Box lunches
  - Registration Table – sign in – name tags – committee members – Kim Hignett
  - Table & chair set up – Church – Herrington Hall
  - Computer projector & screen – Larry
  - Clean up & take down – check with church
  - Charging per table & chair
  - Display tables – card with name of County group – Sue Ann
  - YAB students to help
  - Hotel arrangements – if have to, we can fund it
  - Raffles for door prizes – Robin Bartholet
  - Pads of paper & pens – Robin Bartholet
  - Hand Sanitizer – Missy Ringo
  - **Texian Festival - Fernland Park, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Brenda Beaven to continue to sponsor the Texian Festival at \$250. Seconded by Robin Bartholet. Motion carried.**

9. Reports:

- a. **Website – Frank Johnson recommends** moving directly to “GoDaddy”. **Motion by Brenda Beaven and seconded by Barkley Dominey to take Frank Johnson’s recommendation and move the website to “GoDaddy”.** The cost will be \$150 for 3 years instead of the current charge of \$700. **Motion carried**
  - b. **YAB – trying to get more schools involved.** Have a meeting September 18th and are encouraging students to bring a friend.
  - c. **Historical Preservation Grants –** Amount left in County budget is \$11,157.40. Request from Montgomery Historical Society for Addison-Gandy House repairs (100+ years old) = \$7,240. The Heritage Museum requested \$6,147.81. **Motion by Frank Johnson and seconded by Patricia Easley to pay the Montgomery Historical Society request in full (\$7,240) and the Heritage Museum the remaining amount in this year’s budget and the balance of the request to be paid out of next year’s budget which begins in October. Motion carried.**
  - e. **County Historical Marker approved by Anna Sheppard and Sharon Russell for 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank Building in Conroe (1911-1929).**  
**Motion by Gertie Spencer and seconded by Frank Johnson to approve a County Historical Marker for 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank Building. Motion Carried.**
  - f. **Old Montgomery Methodist Church – Motion by Brenda Beaven and seconded by Frank Johnson to send a Resolution expressing Montgomery County Historical Commission’s support of the preservation of the old Montgomery Methodist Church to the current owners, the Lutheran Church. Motion passed.**
  - h. **World War I Committee – Jeremiah Dancy doesn’t have time** to finish the book on World War I. Three chapters have been done. It is a list of those from Montgomery County who served. Goal is for it to be finished by November 1, 2018. YAB students can take pictures of tombstones. Consensus is to keep as a project. **Motion by Frank Johnson to keep the publication of the Montgomery County World War I book as a project and seconded by Robin Montgomery. Motion carried.**
10. **Reimbursement of \$151.42 to Larry Foerster for expenses at Burnet Workshop: Motion by Robin Bartholet and seconded by Missy Ringo to delay reimbursement until October – to come out of next year’s budget. Motion carried.**
11. **Nomination to Historical Commission – Motion by Robin Bartholet and seconded by Robin Montgomery to submit Beverly Smythe’s name to Commissioners Court for membership in the Historical Commission. Motion carried.**
12. **Next meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:30 at the Chamber of Commerce.**
13. **Motion by Gertie Spencer and seconded by Barkley Dominey to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Sue Ann Powell  
Secretary