

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**Chamber of Commerce**  
**Minutes 1-8-2018**

1. **The January 1, 2018 meeting** of the Montgomery County Historical Commission was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Larry Foerster, Chair.
2. **Members present:** Larry Foerster, Gertie Spencer, Anna Shepeard, Lonnie Clover, Ron Saikowski, Mark Canada, Austin Smith, Frank Johnson, Robin Montgomery, Barkley Dominey, Patricia Easley, Robin Bartholet, Jo Dell Whitehead and Sue Ann Powell.
3. **Special guests:** Luther Powell.
4. **There were no comments from the public.**
5. **Motion to approve the minutes** with the following correction: Union Pacific considering erecting a warehouse with a façade of the Railroad Depot at intersection of two railroad tracks in Conroe. **Motion by Ron Saikowski and seconded by Frank Johnson. Minutes were approved as corrected.**
6. **Announcements:** Larry read a thank you note from the Heritage Museum for the two checks for the Strake-Gray House.
7. **Junior McKay from Waller** will present a Website Training Seminar on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Conroe Bible Church, from 10 – 12. Truett Bell will assist. Twenty-two have registered and 30 are expected to attend.
8. **Motion was made by Anna Shepeard and scheduled by Ron Saikowski to reschedule the South County Road Rally from January 27<sup>th</sup> to March 3. Motion carried.** A location has not been found for the meeting place.
9. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Motion was made by Patricia Easley and seconded by Anna Shepeard to nominate Sondra Hernandez for the Distinguished Service Award. Motion carried.** It will be presented at Commissioners' Court on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. **MCHC Website/Facebook** - Frank Johnson is responsible for getting the website changed to "Go Daddy". This will save approximately \$600 per year over 3 years.
  - c. **Youth Advisory Board** - Sue Ann Powell and Gertie Spencer discussed the recent Bus Tour. Upcoming tours: the Jail, County Court Office and Crighton Theater.
  - d. **Historical Preservation Grants** – no report.
  - e. **County History Marker Committee** – Larry reported that he had discussed with TXDot the lost markers from Telegraph Road and Conroe Oilfield. No new markers in progress.
  - f. **Endangered Buildings** – Ron Saikowski reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank of Conroe Building had been approved for a marker and that 3 buildings built after the 1911 fire—Everett Hardware, 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank, and the building that housed the silent movies had been purchased from the Miller Estate. The new owner who owns 50% is interested in preserving buildings. Carl and Lynn Hawthorn Howard have purchased the old Isaac Conroe House; plan to fix it up and flip it.
  - g. **World War I Committee** – Jeremiah Dancy is unable to continue working on the WWI Book. Plans are to continue working on it with a goal to have it ready around the 18<sup>th</sup> of November next year for the WWI anniversary. Larry Foerster suggested planning an event for the anniversary and get the VFW involved. Also, suggested getting Sondra Hernandez to do a special section in *The Courier*, and having the Conroe Symphony/Choral involved. Photographs and old uniforms could be displayed in the foyer at a concert.
10. **Reimbursements: Motion by Ron Saikowski and seconded by Frank Johnson to approve reimbursing Larry for \$191.50 for payment to "Go Daddy". Motion carried.**
11. **Nomination to County Historical Commission** – none.
12. **The next meeting of the Historical Commission** will be Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Chamber of Commerce.
13. **Motion was made by Ron Saikowski and seconded by Anna Shepeard to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Sue Ann Powell, Secretary