

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes 3/4/2019 – Chamber of Commerce

1. The March meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Larry Foerster, Chair. Rebekah Werner showed a video about Conroe.
2. Roll call: Larry Foerster, Robin Bartholet, Brenda Beaven, Carolyn Carroll, Lonnie Clover, Frank Johnson, Mark Canada, Robin Montgomery, Heather Montgomery, Gertie Spencer, Missy Ringo, Anna Sheppard, JoDell Whitehead, John Sellars, Rebekah Werner and Sue Ann Powell.
3. Recognition of guests: Jim Bingham and Emery Heuermann and Luther Powell.
4. Comments: Robin Montgomery announced that Montgomery County Genealogy is sponsoring the re-publishing of one of his books written in 2003. Robin will give Emery Heuermann 200 books to sell.
5. Commission Minutes: Frank Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2018 and November 5, 2018, as well as January 7, 2019. Motion was seconded by JoDell Whitehead. Motion Carried.
6. History Road Rally Summary: Larry announced next year's Road Rally will be in Conroe.
7. Discuss Rising Stars & Legends event in Conroe March 9-16: MCHC will participate with booth—hand out information.
8. Discuss History Village in Conroe Kidzfest on April 27: MCHC will present the Historical Village. Expecting 16,000 people attending.
9. Discuss Historical Commission regional workshop in fall: Janet Wagner of the Harris County Historical Commission plans to co-sponsor a Regional CHC conference in October in Tomball. Amy Hammons of the THC will participate. Motion by Frank Johnson and seconded by Brenda Beaven for MCHC to co-sponsor this regional event with Harris County, Tomball and Texas Historical Commission. Motion carried. Robin Montgomery announced that at the May 4th meeting, Brenham will plan a Washington on the Brazos 2020 Re-enactment.
10. Committee Reports:
 - Distinguished Service Award – Larry Foerster discussed the Montgomery County Tex Gen Webb internet site for genealogical information which focuses on Montgomery County history. It is hosted by Jean Sanford Keppler and Jane Smoorenburg who may be good nominees. Nomination applications are available for Distinguished Service Award from Heather Montgomery and Larry Foerster.
 - MCHC Website and Social Media – Frank Johnson stated there is a need to establish guidelines. Summary of History Road Rally will be added to website. Emery Heuermann is now working to get more data on the website.
 - Youth Advisory Board – Gertie Spencer and Brenda Beaven will conduct the Heritage Museum-sponsored bus trip for a tour of downtown Montgomery, Willis, St. Joseph's Catholic Church in New Waverly on April 23rd or 30th. There are 12 active members of the YAB.
 - MCHC Historical Preservation Grants – Consider grant application for Crighton Theatre restoration expenses: Jim Bingham explained that damage from Hurricane Harvey amounted to \$44,000 for sealing of all brick walls. A fundraiser will be held March 28th and a "Go Fund Me" page had been set up. Anna Sheppard and Gertie Spencer recommended granting \$8,500. John Sellars made the motion, with second by Robin Bartholet, to reimburse \$8,500 now and revisit the grant request at the end of the fiscal year. Motion carried.
 - County Historical Marker Committee: Brenda Beaven and Lonnie Clover have worked on the application for the Addison-Gandy House in Montgomery and Anna Sheppard has approved it pending additional research being provided, including architectural description by Lonnie Clover should be listed in Bibliography. Motion made by Missy Ringo and seconded by Heather Montgomery to approve the Addison-Gandy House pending final approval of narrative by Anna Sheppard and her committee. Approved.
 - Endangered Buildings Committee: Larry Foerster gave a report from Ron Saikowski that the plan had changed for the Everett Hardware Building. It will include the same level commercial with loft on top. The marker has already been approved. A bank will be included in one part. Larry feels that the old iron trestle bridge on FM 2854 should be in Conroe—tied into the Flag Park. Phillip LeFavre wants to move it to Montgomery as a last resort. Lyn and Carl Howard are still trying to sell the Isaac Conroe House to the City of Conroe.
11. Consider reimbursements: None.
12. Consider nominations to the County Historical Commission: None.
13. Next meeting will be on May 6, 2019.
14. Motion to adjourn made by Robin Bartholet and seconded by Carolyn Carroll. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sue Ann Powell, Secretary