

JCHC BIMONTHLY MEETING
Thursday, January 23, 2014
JCHC Conference Room

Call to Order - Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order at Noon. Those in attendance were: Paul Prosperie, Bruce Hamilton, Bill Cummings, Jef Russell, Marianne Petry and Linda McMahan, JCHC Coordinator. Visitors were Stevens Lewis, Jimmy Sparks, Victoria Outlaw and Thomas Hall.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting - A motion was made by Jef Russell and seconded by Paul Prosperie to accept the Minutes as printed.

Budget Report - The Budget Report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Paul Prosperie. The report was accepted as printed.

Chairman's Report – Theresa Goodness

Special Speaker – Chair Theresa Goodness thanked Jef Russell for inviting Thomas Hall, CEO and Founder of the Lagniappe Film and Music Festival to talk with the JCHC. He addressed the economic importance of the film industry for our area with specific emphasis on the county's historic assets and their value as locations for production design. Mr. Hall spoke of the Texas Film Commission, the Beaumont Film Commission and how these can help to revitalize our local economy. He encouraged everyone to visit the Lagniappe Film and Music Festival to be held May 8-10, 2014 in downtown Beaumont. The Jefferson Theatre will roll out the red carpet on May 9 at 6 PM. During the event, there will be round table discussions and viewing of several films. More information can be found online. Afterwards, there was an interesting question and answer time.

Coordinator's Report – Linda McMahan

- Members were reminded to turn in Volunteer Hours at each meeting. Volunteer hours are needed to help the JCHC qualify for any matching Certified Local Government grant funds.
- Linda shared information of JCHC Emeritus Member Paul Tanner's death and funeral arrangements.
- The Texas Historical Commission Annual Certified Local Government Report is due in Austin the following week.

- **The Texas Historical Commission Annual Report is due in Austin the middle of February.**
- **Linda shared some information on upcoming meetings.**

Committee Reports

Archeology Committee - Ron Ellington - No report.

Cemetery Committee – Marianne Petry – Will be checking on when possible work in Lincoln Cemetery can take place.

Certified Local Government (CLG) – Ramona Hutchinson – No report.

Courthouse Oversight Committee – Jefferson County is beginning work on the Courthouse Preservation Program Round VII Application which will help with expenses in replacing fire alarms and installing a sprinkler system. Bailey Architects will be assisting with the application.

History Appreciation – (Film Commission) Jef Russell – Thanks again to Jef for helping with today's program.

History Preservation – Charlotte Holliman – No report.

Marker Committee – Les McMahan – See attached.

Website Committee – Bill Cummings – See attached.

Unfinished Business / New Business - None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Noon, Thursday March 27, 2014 in the JCHC Conference Room.