

**Jefferson County Historical Commission  
BIMONTHLY MEETING  
Thursday, July 24, 2014  
JCHC Conference Room**

**Call to Order** – Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order at Noon. Those in attendance were: Bill Cummings, Brenda Jackson, Bruce Hamilton, Charlotte Holliman, Jef Russell, Jessie Davis, Les McMahan, Mike McGreevy, Paul Prosperie, Peter Kaatrude, Theresa Goodness, and Coordinator Linda McMahan. Visitors were: Don Smart, Darlene Mott-Smart, Linda Guillory and Sarah Bellian.

**Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – A motion was made by Mike McGreevy and seconded by Jef Russell to accept the minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Chairman's Report – Theresa Goodness**

- Theresa presented Don Smart as a candidate for JCHC membership. A motion was made by Bruce Hamilton and seconded by Mike McGreevy. The motion passed. Don introduced his wife, Darlene Mott-Smart. Many members know Darlene through her work with the SCV and the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty.
- See attached Chairman's Report for remaining items discussed.

**Coordinator's Report – Linda McMahan**

- Linda reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer hours. This information is needed for the THC Annual Report.
- On June 23, 2014 Commissioners Court accepted and presented the Texas Historical Commission 2013 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) to the Jefferson County Historical Commission. Since 1978, the JCHC has received 31 DSA Awards.
- Linda shared that she was to meet with Judy Linsley concerning the status of Bill Quick's book on Sabine Pass. At the time of his death, it was

reported to be in its final review. Les McMahan had provided several chapters and was helping with the final proofing. More information will be shared at the September meeting.

- Linda has contacted the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty to see if it is possible for several JCHC members to help inventory Bill Quick's papers housed at the Library. Darlene Moss-Smart shared that due to Library renovations it is not possible at this time. She suggested waiting until spring and talk with the staff at that time.
- Linda asked Peter Kaatrude to introduce his guest Sarah Bellian from the Museum of the Gulf Coast. Sarah shared the Museum has some of Paul Tanner's archeology collection and also some of Bill Quick's photos and papers. Linda extended an invitation to Sarah to consider joining the JCHC.
- Any questions concerning Dick Dowling Days 2014 are to be referred to Paul Allen, the SCV contact person. The SCV will not have any reenactments this year. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 AM at the Dick Dowling monument. The service will honor Dick Dowling and his men.

## **Committee Reports**

**Archeology Committee** – Brenda Jackson has been inventorying some information and artifacts from Paul Tanner's estate. We are very appreciative of her expertise. She will be helping to put in an exhibit in the mini-museum which will run from early September through November 1. After that time, the public will no longer have access to that area of the Courthouse due to interior renovations.

**Cemetery Committee** – Marianne Petry – No report

**Certified Local Government** – Ramona Hutchinson – No report

**Courthouse Oversight Committee** – Linda shared that an application had been made to the Texas Historical Commission for emergency funding to help with expenses in installing a sprinkler system and fire alarm system in the Courthouse and Annex.

**History Appreciation / Film Commission – Jef Russell** – Jef shared about the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Treasure Business Award. This award recognizes the accomplishments of Texas businesses that have provided employment opportunities and support to the state's economy for at least 50 years. Jef had a list of local business that would qualify. He will be in touch with several to get their feedback. More will be reported at the September meeting.

**History Preservation – Charlotte Holliman** – No report

**Historical Markers – Les McMahan** – There is no activity at present. The new application period for 2015 markers is September 1 through November 15, 2014.

**Website Committee – Bill Cummings** – There have been no meetings since the May JCHC meeting. Most website elements have been developed or defined, but need to integrate the component parts and work with MIS Department to actually create the website. Bulk of the historical text has been distributed to the committee members for review and comment. Need to identify and collect images for the history portion. Particular areas of interest are cattle raising, steamboats, Civil War, lumbering, rice cultivation and processing, railroads, and early industry.

**Unfinished Business / New Business** - None

**Adjournment** – It was announced that the next meeting will be held Thursday, September 25, 2014 at Noon. Due to the work scheduled to start in November and offices having to relocate in the Courthouse, the location will be announced at a later date. The meeting was adjourned.