

JCHC BIMONTHLY MEETING
Thursday, January 24, 2013
JCHC Conference Room

Call to Order - Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order at Noon. In attendance were Ron Ellington, Paul Prosperie, Jef Russell, Les McMahan, Rebeca Bowden, Adam Saunders, Mike McGreevy, Charlotte Holliman, Susan Arceneaux, Bill Cummings and Linda McMahan, Coordinator.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting - Chair Goodness said everyone should have received a copy of the Minutes for the November meeting and asked if there were any corrections. There were none. A motion was made by Les McMahan and seconded by Jef Russell to accept the Minutes as printed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Report - The Budget Report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Susan Arceneaux. A motion was made by Jef Russell and seconded by Rebecca Bowden to accept the report as printed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Nomination and Election of New Officers - Nomination Committee Chair Ron Ellington presented the 2013-2014 Slate of JCHC Officers.

Chair	Theresa Goodness
Vice Chair	Les McMahan
Secretary/Treasurer	Paul Prosperie
Past Chair	Ron Ellington

A motion was made by Mike McGreevy and seconded by Susan Arceneaux to accept the report as printed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report -Theresa Goodness -Theresa reported that the January Newsletter will be completed and emailed/mailed this afternoon. Goals for 2013 will be included. The Marker Survey has undergone a number of changes and will be corrected and made available on the County website in the near future.

Coordinator's Report -Linda McMahan -Linda reminded members to turn in 2012 Volunteer Hours and to begin recording their 2013 hours.

Committee Reports

Archeology Committee - Ron Ellington - No report.

Cemetery Committee -Marianne Petry -Due to the absence of Marianne, the report was given by Theresa. The Broussard (Lincoln) Cemetery needs cleanup assistance from the County. Due to the density of vegetation, heavy equipment will be needed. Volunteer assistance will be needed to locate and identify an unknown number of graves. Research has been ongoing and narrowing down the years of usage will help determine more about the cemetery.

Certified Local Government (CLG) -Ramona Hutchinson -Due to the absence Ramona, Theresa reported that the JCHC is awaiting approval of an application for CLG grant funding from the Texas Historical Commission.

Courthouse Oversight Committee -Rebecca Bowden -Rebecca reported that she would like to take photos of the interior and exterior of the historic Courthouse. Coordinator McMahan will contact Commissioner Arnold for permission.

History Appreciation -Film Commission) Jef Russell -No report at this time.

History Preservation -Charlotte Holliman -Charlotte reported that she is continuing the process of scanning cemetery books. Once this is completed, copies will be made available to JCHC members.

Marker Committee -Les McMahan -Les reported that all six historical marker inscriptions (Wesley United Methodist Church, Harry James Childhood Homesite, Central Baptist Church, Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church, Community Retirement Home and Moon Mullican) are at the San Antonio foundry. The 2013 marker applications for Evergreen Cemetery and Fort Sabine have been submitted to the THC.

Unfinished Business

Dick Dowling Days 150th Anniversary Celebration -Mike McGreevy -Mike McGreevy reported the amount of land to be used during the celebration has increased more than originally planned. A large area will be available for a variety of vendors. Volunteers are needed to assist during the weekend. Mike presented a rough draft of an ad from a 1960s magazine that will be used in advertising. Fundraising is ongoing. Jef Russell commented that Face Book submissions have kept the public informed. A committee to be in charge of the programs, including coverage of expenditures, has been formed. Mike reported that he will speak at the next Sabine Pass Development Committee meeting. Rebecca Bowden is in the process of contacting a bagpiper group to play at the Memorial Ceremony.

New Business -Coordinator McMahan received a visit from Judge John Stevens. He would like the JCHC to replace several reproduction wall hangings in the Courthouse Annex that have faded and are no longer readable. This was discussed during the meeting and it was agreed that since the wall hangings were given by the Jefferson County Bar Association, it is their responsibility to replace the prints. Linda and Theresa will prepare a letter to Judge Stevens. Appreciation was expressed to Paul Prosperie for the hard work his wife, Eugenia, did in helping catalogue the JCHC Library.

Adjournment -The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM. The next meeting will be Thursday Noon, March 21, 2013 in the JCHC Conference Room.