☆ FOR THE RECORD

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 28, 1982

President Jack T. Conn called the regular quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society to order at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Historical Building. He thanked the members of the board for their expressions of sympathy at the time of his wife's death. Mrs. Gillett Conn passed away on July 21, 1982.

President Conn asked Executive Director C. E. Metcalf to call the roll and those responding were Ben Blackstock, Treasurer Mrs. George L. Bowman, Q. B. Boydstun, O. B. Campbell, President Conn, Edna M. Couch, Dr. Odie B. Faulk, Vice President W. D. Finney, Dr. LeRoy H. Fischer, Denzil D. Garrison, Martin A. Hagerstrand, Jack D. Haley, Berenice Jackson, Ralph McCalmont, Ruth Eager Moran, Earl Boyd Pierce, Jordan B. Reaves and Lu Celia Wise. Those who had asked to be excused were Mrs. Sidney Brouse; Harry L. Deupree, M.D.; Streeter B. Flynn; John Massey, Dr. Robert V. Peterson and Ellen K. Walcher. Mr. Boydstun moved to excuse those members who had notified the executive director they could not be present. Mrs. Wise seconded and the motion so carried. Lucious Selmon was absent.

Mr. Metcalf presented the minutes of the executive committee meetings of April 21, May 19 and June 16, 1982, and the minutes of the quarterly board meeting of April 28, 1982. Mr. Boydstun moved, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to approve the minutes as mailed and approval was unanimous.

Senator Garrison moved to accept the list of gifts to the library, archives and museums and the motion was seconded by Dr. Fischer. All agreed to accept the gifts.

Mr. Metcalf presented the list of 67 new membership applications, among them requests for life membership from Jo Ellen Reynolds Kirberger, Bartlesville; Joann Nitzel, Calumet; and Daisy M. Romans, Tulsa. Mr. Pierce moved to accept the new members; Mrs. Bowman seconded and acceptance was unanimous.

Mrs. Bowman presented the financial report prepared by Finance Officer J. L. Armstrong of the Society's staff. Mr. Blackstock moved

that the treasurer's report be received and approved. Senator Garrison seconded and approval was unanimous. Mr. Pierce moved that Mr. Metcalf and Mr. Armstrong be thanked for the excellent way in which they had managed the finances in having a surplus rather than a deficit. Dr. Faulk seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Metcalf referred to House Bills 1548 and 1655 and Senate Bill 440 appropriating funds to the Oklahoma Historical Society for the 1982–1983 fiscal year. He said the agency was funded for 113 employees and that two sites had been added, making a total of 28 historic sites and museums staffed by Society personnel. The new sites were the Atoka County Historical Museum and the Triangle Area Heritage Museum in Cleveland. He said the agency had not received appropriated funds for acquisition of property at Fort Gibson, which had been requested as additional Diamond Jubilee designated funds. Senator Garrison moved to accept the report of the executive director and asked that Mr. Metcalf be instructed to express the gratitude of the board of directors and the staff to Governor George Nigh and key legislators for their support of the Society's programs. Mr. Boydstun seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dr. Fischer presented the report of the Interpretation and Publications Committee, describing the various publications prepared and released during the quarter, as well as the work in progress on future publications. He announced that the latest volume in the Oklahoma series—Drill Bits, Picks, and Shovels: A History of Mineral Resources in Oklahoma—was being prepared for distribution; that work was progressing on the autobiography of Q. B. Boydstun, in addition to similar works on Dick Jones and E. E. Dale. An epic poem, Prairie Ocean, by Welborn Hope was released as a special publication of the Diamond Jubilee Commission. Mr. Conn invited the directors to a reception for Mr. Hope which was to be held August 8 at 1:30 p.m., at the Oklahoma Heritage Center. Dr. Fischer described the planning of an Oklahoma Image Photographic History Book, funded with \$40,000 provided by the Legislature. Dr. Anne Morgan and Mr. Haley had been contracted for manuscript preparation, said Dr. Fischer.

Describing the educational work of the division, Dr. Fischer reported that more than 5,700 students had visited the State Museum during the quarter. He also told of the staff's participation in Tulsa's Heritage Days celebration, on the planning for the fall Opening

Doors program for students in the Oklahoma City system, and on the planning for 16mm film productions funded by the Legislature. Dr. Faulk added that Dr. Bob L. Blackburn, director of the Interpretation and Publications Division, had completed a history of Oklahoma County entitled, Heart of the Promised Land. Dr. Faulk moved that the executive director be authorized to write to Dr. Blackburn, commending him for his effort and encouraging him to publish outside the Oklahoma Historical Society. Dr. Fischer seconded, adding that Dr. Blackburn should continue to publish for the benefit of the stature of the Society in the future. The motion was passed unanimously.

Dr. Faulk moved that the report of Dr. Fischer be accepted and approved, Mrs. Wise seconded and the approval was unanimous.

President Conn announced that a contract would be executed with the Smithsonian Institution for ten rolls of video tape of the Oklahoma portion of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival presented in late June and early July in Washington, D.C. Mr. Conn said it would have to be edited to 30 minutes. All tape was to be placed in the Society's archives as part of the research material of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Mr. Conn added that tremendous crowds viewed the festival—as many as 400,000 on the Fourth of July. The guarter horse races, oil rig and pipeline exhibit, and the music tent were particularly well attended, he said. President Conn said the \$344,000 spent on the festival had generated valuable publicity through good national TV coverage and excellent local coverage by KTUL-TV. Mr. Pierce moved that James Leake, Muskogee, owner of KTUL, be contacted and that arrangements be made to procure the KTUL. Channel 8. film for the Society's archives. Mrs. Moran seconded and approval was unanimous.

The report of the Museums and Historic Sites Committee was given by Mr. Campbell, chairman. He reported that the committee had considered the matter of a revision of the collections policy in order to create a primary and secondary classification under the category of accessioned collections. The change would read:

1. Accessioned

- a. Primary Collections: These items are the finest available, relate directly to the Society's purposes and are used only for exhibition or research.
- b. Secondary Collections: These are usually duplicate or worn items that may be used for their original function especially as teaching aids. Care will be taken with these items but the society cannot accept a long-term obligation for their preservation.

Mr. Campbell recommended that the change be adopted. Mr. McCalmont seconded and approval was unanimous.

Mr. Campbell recommended that the loan requests received during the quarter be approved. The requests were for certain Indian paintings to be used during a Diamond Jubilee Arts Festival at the State Capitol, September 15 through October 1, 1982: for a quilt made by Tipton, Tillman County, art students which had been on temporary loan to the Oklahoma Historical Society's Museum of the Western Prairie until such time as the Tillman County Museum in Frederick would be completed; and for the portrait of Agnes Aloysius Larch-Miller, painted by Grace Spaulding John, for display at the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women Seventh Annual Women's Day at the State Capitol on October 2, 1982. The portrait was to be returned on October 4. Dr. Faulk seconded the motion and approval was unanimous.

Mr. Campbell reported on an offer from the City of Yale to restore five marble light poles which had been erected in 1921 in memory of local servicemen who were killed in World War I. After their restoration, the City proposed to donate the five poles to the Historical Society for inclusion in a Flag Memorial Monument which would be constructed on the grounds of the future museum near the Jim Thorpe Home Site. Cost of the restoration was estimated to be \$5,500, \$750 of which would be donated by the Yale chapter of the American Legion. Mr. Campbell said that the Museums committee felt the concept was strictly a local project and not in the purview of statewide interest. President Conn said, in accordance with the ruling of the attorney general, the Oklahoma Historical Society could not spend appropriated funds for the proposed project. The offer was declined.

Senator Garrison moved that the report of the Museums and Historic Sites Committee be approved and accepted. Dr. Faulk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Boydstun reported that the Legislature had appropriated \$190,000 for the development of the Honey Springs Battlefield Park. He said that the Diamond Jubilee dedication at the site held July 17 was well attended and was video-taped by KTUL-TV for placement in the Society's film archives. Mr. Pierce moved that President Conn, through the executive director, write a letter to those who had participated in the Honey Springs ceremony, thanking them for their part in the program.

Mr. Boydstun said the appropriated funds would enable the Society to develop the site as a tourist attraction and advised that the Honey Springs commission planned to meet soon to determine the priorities of the development. He recommended that David Robinson, curator, and two or three members of the Honey Springs Battlefield Commission be encouraged to visit the Pea Ridge National Military Park in Arkansas and Wilson's Creek in Missouri, to meet with directors of the sites in order to get ideas about battlefield park development. Mr. Boydstun moved that Mr. Robinson be authorized to travel to the two sites for the purpose of aiding in the apropriation expenditure, such travel expense not to exceed \$500. Mr. Pierce seconded and unanimous approval was granted.

Mr. Boydstun said that the Old Fort Gibson Committee had met in June to consider two offers to sell to the Society two historic properties adjacent to properties owned by the Society at the Fort Gibson site. One offer was for the original Army Post Hospital built in 1871. The other was the Adjutant's House, once owned by former board member R. M. Mountcastle. The present owners had given the committee the option to purchase the properties, subject to the current market price, and the committee had requested that the option to purchase be accepted.

Mr. Boydstun noted that during the construction of the Webbers Falls Lock and Dam, the government had purchased 22 acres of a historic landmark on the Grand River. At the Society's request, the government, through the Corps of Engineers, was in the process of leasing the property to the Society. Mr. Metcalf added that general terms had been agreed upon to lease the property in increments of five-year periods or more. He said the government had been amenable to this.

Mr. Boydstun reported that the \$165,000 requested for Fort Gibson by the Museums and Historic Sites Committee for acquisition of property had been denied by the Legislature. He added, however, that at the July meeting of the Diamond Jubilee Projects Committee the executive director for the Society had recommended that \$75,000 be set aside for the purchase of the Post Hospital and the adjacent lots. The recommendation had been approved by the Projects Committee. Mr. Boydstun announced that the barracks at Fort Gibson would be opened for public viewing by September.

Dr. Fischer moved, Mr. Pierce seconded, that Mr. Boydstun's reports for Honey Springs and Fort Gibson be accepted. The motion was approved unanimously.

The report for the Library Resources and Archives, Manuscripts Committee was presented by Mr. Haley, chairman. He said new directional signs had been prepared by the Museums and Sites exhibits staff for the Reading Room, which had proved very useful to researchers. The library staff had catalogued 254 miscellaneous rolls during the quarter and 198.5 volumes of backfile newspapers had been microfilmed. The newspaper staff also had provided assistance of KTUL-TV for two documentary programs relating to Oklahoma history.

The addition of the two new Minolta 407E microfilm reader/printers in the Research and Newspaper libraries was well received by researchers. Mr. Haley listed the various presentations given by staff members throughout the state, saying that they were an excellent way to tell Oklahomans about the Society. Staff members also attended a number of library and archival-related seminars, workshops and meetings. Microfilming of the Creek National Records and the Whipple Collection was completed and work was started on the filming of *Historia* and *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

Mr. Haley said a position had been established for an Oral History Archivist and he noted that a portion of the Living Legend tapes had been transferred to the Archives from Oklahoma Christian College by Pendleton Woods. Mr. Metcalf noted that the work would include atmospheric controls in certain areas of the building. Mr. Pierce moved that the executive director be instructed to include a specific consideration of the \$324,000 airconditioning fund for proper storage conditions for the oral history tapes. Mrs. Moran seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Haley reported that the committee had voted to recommend that the heads of both the Library Resources and the Archives and Manuscripts divisions be consulted and be given an opportunity to be involved in the future planning for their divisions for the next one or two years, especially relating to space needs in the new structure.

Motion was made by Senator Garrison to accept the report of the Library Resources and Archives, Manuscripts Committee. Mr. Campbell seconded and acceptance was unanimous. Mr. Blackstock then asked to be excused from the meeting.

Mrs. Rubye Hall, chairman of the Black Heritage Committee of the board, presented the report of the committee. Consideration had been given to a proposal developed by Deputy Executive Director Louis Coleman which outlined functions and goals for the committee. Senator Garrison moved, Mr. McCalmont seconded, to accept and approve the proposal. Approval was unanimous.

Mrs. Hall expressed the groups' great concern about the lack of buildings named for blacks and asked the board to approve a recommendation to the governor to name the state agricultural building under construction for Roscoe Dungee or Antoine Furr. Mrs. Hall said the committee had also requested that hospital rooms in the Health Sciences Center be named for blacks who had pioneered in medicine in Oklahoma.

Another concern of the Black Heritage Committee was the separation of black history from state history in Oklahoma. The committee had recommended that it be authorized to express this concern publicly, working toward incorporation of black history into the total history of the state by encouraging scholars to do more research in that area.

Discussion followed on those two concerns. Regarding naming of state agency buildings, the consensus was that such recommendations should not be made by the board of directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society, but by those groups wishing to suggest a particular name. Mrs. Hall then said her committee, as individuals, would look into the procedures to be used in the naming of streets, public buildings and of hospital rooms in the Health Sciences Center.

Regarding the recommendation of the committee that there be some permanent exhibit space in the State Museum in addition to the annual Black Heritage Week exhibit held each February, Mr. Campbell and Dr. Fischer recommended that Mr. Metcalf make a study of space requirements and of museum collections to see what could be done to create a permanent exhibit depicting the role of blacks in the development of Oklahoma's history. Mr. Metcalf agreed and noted that the annual exhibit for 1983 was being planned around the story of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Mrs. Hall asked for suggestions on procedures to be used to find ways to finance a chair of black research at one of the state universities.

Mr. Campbell moved that the board approve the Black Heritage Committee report and the efforts outside the Oklahoma Historical Society be made for the purpose of researching the contribution of blacks to the development of the state, properly incorporating the conclusions of such research into present historical records. Dr. Fischer seconded, Mr. Reaves opposed, all others approved. Mr. Connadded that all ethnic groups should be encouraged to conduct research into the roles played in the state's history by their people.

On behalf of the Oklahoma Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Hall presented the Society with a copy of the Sooner Woman, a history of the club from 1906 through the present. The publication was a project approved by the Diamond Jubilee Projects Committee.

Mr. Metcalf presented to the board a proposal pertaining to historic site acquisition procedures, based on a written presentation by Mr. Coleman. The proposal had evolved from discussions among the Society staff concerning the problems resulting from acquisition procedures in which there was seldom an adequate basis for the legislative decision. The proposal would require an independent study of each offered property to determine its significance, the cost of restoration and maintenance and the need for the property in the light of the Society's holdings at the time. Colonel Hagerstrand noted that the lack of a systematic approach to historic property acquisition could result in several sites telling the same story but leaving other aspects of state history unrecognized. Mr. McCalmont moved that the executive director be authorized to work with the Legislature in implementing the proposed procedure. Senator Garrison seconded and approval was unanimous.

Dr. Faulk presented the background of a concept of an encyclopedia of Oklahoma history, similar to the *Handbook of Texas*, the only encyclopedia of its kind in the country. Dr. Faulk said there was a great need for such a work in Oklahoma and added that a plan should be drawn up through the Oklahoma Historical Society for eventual publication. He estimated planning would require about three years' time. Senator Garrison moved that Dr. Faulk and Dr. Blackburn develop a proposal for publication of an encyclopedia of Oklahoma history, using the best scholars available. The proposal would include a publication budget. The proposal would be submitted to the executive committee at its August meeting, so that if approved, the proposal could be submitted with the Society's budget to the Legislature on September 1. Approval was unanimous.

Mr. Metcalf presented an invitation from Charles Hepler, Executive director of the Marland Mansion in Ponca City, to host the board meeting scheduled for October 27 at the mansion. After discussion, Colonel Hagerstrand moved, seconded by Senator Garrison, that the board accept the invitation, which included a luncheon, provided that there would be available meeting rooms for committee meetings to be held prior to the luncheon. Appropriate staff members meeting with committee members would be included in the invitation. The motion carried unanimously.

Senator Garrison reported on his investigation of an insurance policy for board members, saying that he had found policies of the type desired to be expensive. President Conn said that the governor had tried to get the Legislature to pass laws to protect members serving on state boards but had not been successful in passing such legislation. Mr. Metcalf, therefore, was instructed to continue the investigation, obtaining proposals from various insurance firms, and to report back to the next meeting of the board.

A motion by Mr. Haley, at the recommendation of the executive committee in their meeting of July 21, asked that the board elect as directors emeritus those members of the board who had retired in April of 1981. Those members were Mrs. Mark R. Everett, Oklahoma City, January 29, 1976; General E. Moses Frye, Stillwater, October 26, 1972; Nolen J. Fugua, Duncan, April 26, 1968; Dr. A. M. Gibson, Norman, October 26, 1967; Dr. Donald E. Green, Edmond, October 26, 1978; Colonel C. Forest Himes, formerly of Del City, January 27, 1977; Mrs. L. E. Hodge, Jr., Hammon, January 26, 1978; Admiral John E. Kirkpatrick, Oklahoma City, October 28, 1965; Mrs. Charles E. Nesbitt, Oklahoma City, January 23, 1975; Genevieve Seger, Geary, January 25, 1955; Britton Tabor, Checotah, April 28, 1977; and H. Merle Woods, El Reno, July 27, 1967. Mrs. Bowman, Dr. Faulk and Senator Garrison seconded and approval was unanimous. Mr. Haley added that although those directors would not have voting privileges, they would be encouraged to attend meetings to partake in the discussions. Mr. Metcalf was asked to notify the members of their positions.

The agenda having been completed, the meeting was adjourned.

JACK T. CONN, PRESIDENT

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