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MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 25, 1984

President Denzil D. Garrison called to order the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society at 1:30 p.m. Executive Director C. E. Metcalf was asked to call the roll and those responding were Ben Blackstock, Edna H. Bowman, Q. B. Boydston, Jack T. Conn, Edna M. Couch, Dr. Odie B. Faulk, W. D. Finney, Dr. LeRoy H. Fischer, President Garrison, Dr. Donald E. Green, Colonel Martin A. Hagerstrand, Berenice Jackson, James O. Kemm, Ralph McCalmont, Zella J. Patterson, Jordan B. Reaves, Dr. Lewis Stiles and LuCelia Wise. Directors who had asked to be excused were Dr. W. David Baird, O. B. Campbell, Jack D. Haley, John Massey, Margôt L. Nesbitt, Dr. Robert V. Peterson and Ellen K. Walcher. Mrs. Bowman moved to excuse the members who had indicated they would not be present. Dr. Fischer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Metcalf presented the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of April 23, May 16 and June 20, 1984. Mr. Conn moved to accept the minutes as mailed; Mrs. Bowman seconded and acceptance was unanimous. The minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting of April 27, 1984, were presented by Mr. Metcalf. Mr. Boydston moved to accept them as mailed; Mrs. Wise seconded and acceptance was unanimous.

President Garrison asked for a motion to approve the lists of gifts to the Research Library, the Archives and Manuscripts and the Museums and Sites divisions. Dr. Faulk so moved; Mrs. Patterson seconded, all approved and President Garrison declared the motion to be the order.

The list of applications for membership was presented by Mr. Metcalf. He noted that 119 persons had applied and that Ann S. Ethridge and Ruth Bass Luder had applied for life membership. Mr. Boydston moved to accept the applications; Mrs. Jackson seconded and acceptance was unanimous.

Mr. Metcalf told the Board members that many students who had participated in the annual History Day program had sent thank-you letters and cards to the sponsors of the event and he called particular attention to Dr. Baird for his role in the program. President Garrison and Past President Conn stated that they, too, had received letters from History Day participants.

The Action Update report was presented by Mr. Metalf, who offered to answer any questions regarding matters referred to in the report. Colonel Hagerstrand moved to accept the report; Mr. Boydston seconded and the report was accepted unanimously.

Dr. Fischer announced that an effort had been made to clarify the Treasurer's report for those Board members not working with financial records on a daily basis. The new format had been prepared by Finance Officer J. L. Armstrong. Dr. Fischer moved that the report be submitted for record; Mr. Conn seconded and the Treasurer's report was adopted unanimously. At Dr. Fischer's request, Mr. Armstrong called in his staff to

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introduce them to the Board members. Mr. Conn moved that the staff be commended for their great work and for the new financial report. Dr. Fischer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wise requested that she be transferred from the Library Resources Committee to the Publications and Education Committee. President Garrison declared her request to be the order.

Dr. Fischer announced in his Publications and Education report that *Images of Oklahoma: A Pictorial History* was soon to be published; that the Society's appointment calendar for 1985 would feature Oklahoma Indians; and that Stan Hoig's *The Oklahoma Land Rush of 1889* and Dr. E. E. Dale's autobiography, *The West Wind Blows*, had become best sellers. Dr. Fischer noted that the division had supervised the renovation of the auditorium during the quarter and he told of the project in progress to index *The Daily Oklahoman* from 1889. Dr. Fischer moved that the report of the committee be received and adopted; Mrs. Wise seconded, and acceptance was unanimous.

Mr. Reaves in his Museums and Sites Committee report noted that only three of the Society's museums and sites had attendance of more than 12,000 persons during the quarter. Four others had less than 1,000. He said his committee had discussed increasing promotion of the sites. Mr. Reaves noted that only 15 or 20 visitors had attended the Honey Springs July 14 commemorative program. He praised the staff's efforts to make the program a good one. Mr. Boydston recommended that promotional work be done earlier next year when the 122nd anniversary of the battle will be observed. Dr. Faulk had graciously volunteered to respond to this need in the Muskogee area, said Mr. Boydston.

Mr. Boydston was asked to give a report on the Honey Springs Battlefield Park. He advised that the commission had met prior to the July 14 program. Noting that although the Legislature had cut back on many programs, unused money was still available for development of the site. A goal had been set to acquire three tracts of land across the Texas Road. The Board had authorized the commission to acquire those tracts by condemnation, which suits were pending. Three land owners had promised to sell their easement for road rights-of-way. Mr. Boydston added that of the money left, \$30,000 had been recommended for marking the Texas Road and \$20,000 for designing two interpretive centers. According to Mr. Boydston, the funds had to be encumbered before January 15, 1985.

The construction of a diorama had been discussed for the northern interpretive center. Mr. Boydston described the possibility of a diorama depicting the movement of troops from Fort Gibson to Honey Springs which could be coordinated with an audio account of the battle. Mr. Boydston added that efforts were being made to swap land on which to place an interpretive center at what the commission felt was a particularly significant location.

The Old Fort Gibson Military Park Commission meeting was reported on by Mr. Boydston, who also had presented the report to the Executive Committee at the July 18 meeting. The commission had recommended that the Society acquire the old Army Hospital, an acquisition proposed a number of years ago. Mr. Boydston announced the formation of the Old Fort Gibson Foundation, a non-profit corporation consisting of members of the commission. The foundation was endeavoring to acquire the hospital and had borrowed \$5,000 to pay the bid bond. Mr. Boydston said he had signed the note, adding that when the foundation received title to the hospital, a mortgage would be taken on the property. He outlined other plans for the Fort's development; marking

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historic spots within the complex, building pedestrian trailways and renovating the Commissary Building. Dr. Green moved that the report of the commission be approved and incorporated as a part of these minutes. Dr. Fischer seconded, and approval was unanimous.

Mr. Metcalf presented the report of the Library Resources Committee. He announced that the three-year special appropriation for microfilming newspaper backfiles had ended June 30, 1984. The project had resulted in the completion of microfilming 2,406.5 bound volumes of Oklahoma newspapers covering 1,470 years. He commended those staff members who had worked with the project, especially Mary Moran, and added that the division hoped to obtain additional funds to continue the task of microfilming all state newspaper backfiles.

Mr. Metcalf further reported that more than 200 new titles had been added to the Research Library's collection during the quarter, as well as many additional copies of titles already in the collection, backlogged titles, titles recataloged and serials. The division had also provided programs for organizations and students explaining use of the Society's libraries, its collections and genealogical records.

Mr. Metcalf told of plans to install coin-operated lockers, benefiting library patrons by eliminating the need to check purses and cases with library personnel. Mr. Conn moved, Mrs. Wise seconded to approve the report and approval was unanimous.

In the absence of Dr. Baird, Mr. Metcalf gave the report of the Archives and Manuscripts Committee. He described the microfilming and processing of many of the division's collections and told of the availability of the oral history tapes for researchers. Dr. Faulk moved to accept the report as mailed; Mrs. Bowman seconded and approval was unanimous. Mrs. Wise offered to loan tapes in her possession of Muriel H. Wright, former editor of *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*. Mrs. Wise suggested that the tapes could be copied and returned to her.

Mrs. Patterson presented the report of the Black Heritage Committee, which had met on July 23. She announced the theme for the February 1985 exhibit: "The Afro-American Family in Oklahoma History," and said a project was being considered to prepare a display showing examples of family history research. Mrs. Patterson moved that the report of the committee be adopted; Dr. Green seconded and adoption was unanimous. Mr. Boydston suggested that the Black Heritage Committee might wish to consider placing a marker at the Honey Springs Battlefield Park commemorating the participation in the battle of the Second Kansas Colored Infantry, one of the first all Black disciplined troops. Dr. Fischer noted that the largest number of all Indian troops used at one time in the Civil War had also fought in the battle of Honey Springs. Mrs. Patterson said she would bring the suggestion before her committee.

Colonel Hagerstrand reviewed the report of the Historic Preservation Committee mailed to the Board members. He pointed out that the "Main Street" program had great potential for stimulating local interest in preservation, as well as educating citizens to the concept of "history is now."

Mr. Reaves announced to the Board members that Vice President McCalmont had been named a trustee to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Dr. Fischer moved that Mr. McCalmont be commended for the honor. Mrs. Bowman seconded and adoption was unanimous. Mr. McCalmont accepted the commendation and described his induction in the trust, naming the three other inductees: Bob Bass of Fort Worth; the president of Atlantic-Richfield (ARCO); and the president of Spiegel's. He said he was amazed at how little was known about what Oklahoma had done in preservation and promised that he would become a 'horn tooter' for Oklahoma.

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Colonel Hagerstrand moved that the report of the Historic Preservation Committee be adopted; Mrs. Jackson seconded and President Garrison declared the motion to be the order.

Mrs. Wise reported that she would make a recommendation for membership on the Indian Heritage Committee at the October meeting of the Board—a representative from the western area of the state. She asked for permission to introduce one of her committee members at the October meeting. She had invited the member to describe the work of the Center of American Indians in Oklahoma City.

President Garrison repeated his request that the Executive Director continue to mail to the Board members the division quarterly reports in order that the committee members be better informed before attending the committee meetings. Dr. Fischer moved that Mr. Metcalf and his staff be commended for carrying out the request. Dr. Faulk seconded and the members agreed unanimously.

Colonel Hagerstrand presented the matter of unstaffed sites maintained by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Legislature had required that the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society review such sites to determine if they were of "overriding historical significance" in order to qualify for maintenance with appropriated funds. Colonel Hagerstrand said the ad hoc committee chaired by Mr. Haley had completed its recommendations and had presented the report to the Executive Committee. He moved that the report be adopted. Mrs. Wise seconded, there was one abstention, and the remaining members of the Board adopted the report.

Executive Director Metcalf reminded the Board members that the Executive Committee also served as the trustees of the Lillie M. Burkhart estate. He said approximately \$560,000 had been received from the estate for final disbursement and that the funds had been invested in various Osage County banks in interest income accounts. Colonel Hagerstrand moved that the report of the Burkhart Trustees be adopted. Mr. McCalmont seconded and adoption was unanimous.

Mr. Metcalf proposed that Glenn "Sky" Corbin, owner of K MAD be awarded the Board's Certificate of Commendation for his support of the Oklahoma Historical Society in the southeast region of Oklahoma. Mr. Boydston so moved, Mrs. Wise seconded and approval was unanimous.

Mr. Boydston announced that Vice President McCalmont had made the first donation to the Old Fort Gibson Foundation—a check for \$500.00.

Dr. Green moved that there being no further business before the Board, that the meeting be adjourned; Dr. Fischer seconded and President Garrison declared the motion to be the order.

DENZIL D. GARRISON, PRESIDENT

C. E. METCALF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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