

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

July 23, 1964

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was called to order by President George H. Shirk at 10:00 a. m. in the Board Room of the Oklahoma Historical Society Building on July 23, 1964.

The roll was called by the Administrative Secretary, Mr. Elmer L. Fraker. Board members present were: Mr. Lou Allard, Mrs. George L. Bowman, Mr. Q. B. Boydston, Judge Oral Busby, Judge J. G. Clift, Judge Richard H. Cloyd, Mr. Joe W. Curtis, Dr. E. E. Dale, Mr. W. D. Finney, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, Mr. Joe W. McBride, Mr. W. E. McIntosh, Mr. R. G. Miller, Dr. James D. Morrison, Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. Fisher Muldrow, Mr. H. Milt Phillips, Miss Genevieve Seger, and Mr. George H. Shirk.

Board members not in attendance were: Mr. Henry B. Bass, Dr. B. B. Chapman, Judge N. B. Johnson, and Mrs. Frank Korn.

Judge Hefner moved that the absent members be excused, as all had so requested. This motion, seconded by Dr. Dale, was unanimously passed.

Mr. Fraker reported on the gifts and new memberships received during the past quarter. He said there had been one new Life Member, and 26 new Annual Members, besides a number of gifts. Miss Seger moved that the gifts be accepted, and the members elected to membership. Mrs. Bowman seconded the motion, which was adopted.

A brief report on the annual tour was given by Mr. Fraker. He said there were 110 people on the tour and for the first time in years the trip was a financial success, there being a balance of \$26.47 after all expenses had been paid.

The reception desk sales have been good this year, reported the Administrative Secretary. The total sales for this year is \$2,046.60, approximately \$1,000 of which is profit. This is all the more gratifying when it is realized that the receptionist is frequently away from her desk on other duties.

Mrs. LeJeanne McIntyre, Chief Clerk, was commended for her bookkeeping of the past year by Mr. Fraker when he reported on the balance for the appropriated funds for 1963-1964. The total balance for these five accounts comes to \$32.34.

The financial dealings for the purchase of the sod house by the Oklahoma Historical Society have been completed, Mr. Fraker stated. Chief Curator William Dale is now in the process of contracting for the constructing of a temporary shelter to protect the sod house from the elements until a permanent building can be erected.

Mr. Fraker reported that the oil well museum situation is not standing still, although little has been mentioned about it lately. He said that through the efforts of Mr. J. L. Shakley, and Mr. Lawrence E. Ferguson, both of Tulsa, the Oklahoma Historical Society has obtained some oil rig machinery for the museum. This machinery has been donated by the Lucy Products Company, of which Mr. Ferguson is Assistant to the President.

The Administrative Secretary presented to the Board of Directors a proposal that was made by the Historic Sites Committee at their meeting on June 16, 1964. It was proposed by this Committee that a joint proposal be submitted to the Legislative Council coming from the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board, that historic sites, in control of other agencies of state government, be placed in charge of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Mr. McIntosh, Chairman of the Historic Sites Committee, with Mr. Fraker, asked that the Board take action in this matter. It was moved by Mr. Boydston, seconded by Judge Cloyd that the proposal be approved. The motion was adopted.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Fraker called attention to the fact that the date of the next Board meeting, October 29th, falls during the time of the American Association for State and Local History annual convention to be held this year in Oklahoma City. He asked the pleasure of the Board in regard to changing the time of the Board meeting. The Board agreed to meet on October 27th at 10:00 a. m., thus avoiding any conflict.

Mrs. Bowman made the Treasurer's report, showing that all of the Society's accounts are in good condition. It was moved by Mr. Phillips, and seconded by Mr. Muldrow that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion passed.

Mr. McIntosh reported on the activities of the Historic Sites Committee of which he is Chairman. He mentioned the meeting of this committee held on June 16, 1964, and said the committee hopes to erect a minimum of ten markers in 1965 without cost to the Oklahoma Historical Society.

President Shirk asked, at the recommendation of Mr. Fraker that the Board of Directors formally commend Mr. Bruce Selby of Enid, and Mr. Leo W. Morris, Cleo Springs, for their work in helping the Oklahoma Historical Society to acquire the sod house property. It was so moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Allard, and approved by the Board when voted upon.

The report for the Microfilm Committee was made by Mr. Phillips, who said the Society is doing microfilming for a large number of papers, and is getting more orders for this work all the time.

Dr. Morrison outlined the rehabilitation work being done at Fort Washita. Among other things, an area has been cleared for a Boy Scout hostel. He asked Mr. Muldrow to comment on efforts being made to have Fort Washita named a National Historic Landmark. Mr. Muldrow pointed out that with the backing of Congressman Carl Albert, progress was being made. He said this action would in no way include the federal government's taking over the restoration project, but would mean that Fort Washita would get some federal money for the restoration work.

In the absence of Mr. Bass, President Shirk made a report for the Oklahoma Civil War Centennial Commission. He mentioned the commemoration ceremony held at Tamaha near Stigler, the 100th anniversary of General Stand Watie's capture of the "J. R. Williams". He said that the next ceremony would be in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Second Battle of Cabin Creek.

The President mentioned the restoration work being done on a rare old Civil War cannon that will soon be finished and placed in the Oklahoma Historical Society for permanent preservation.

Judge Busby reported for the Oklahoma delegation to the New York World's Fair, and on the ceremonies that were held on Oklahoma

Day. The Oklahoma Day ceremonies included the unveiling of the bust by Willard Stone of Mrs. Alice Brown Davis, Chiefmistress of the Seminole Indians. He said they were good programs, and well attended.

President Shirk told the members of the Board about the formal opening of the exhibit of wood sculpture by Willard Stone which was displayed in the alcove on the second floor of the Historical Society Building. Governor Bellmon had made a brief opening speech and introduced Mr. Stone at the short ceremony which took place on June 4th.

It was pointed out by President Shirk that Governor Bellmon is extremely interested in the Oklahoma Historical Society's obtaining a piece of Mr. Stone's work for permanent preservation in the Society. It was recommended by the President that a committee be appointed for the purpose of investigating the possibility of buying a piece of such sculpture from Mr. Stone, and also deciding whether to buy a piece that is already finished, and if so which one, or to commission Mr. Stone to do a piece specifically for the Oklahoma Historical Society. A motion to this effect was made by Mr. Allard, seconded by Mr. Muldrow, and passed by the Board. It was suggested by Mr. Jones that the committee asked Mr. Stone if there was anything he would particularly like to do for the Society. The committee appointed by the President for this purpose was: Mr. McBride, Chairman; Mrs. Bowman, and Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones expressed great interest in the property of Sequoyah's home which is owned by the Oklahoma Historical Society, but presently under the care of the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board. This is one of the historic sites in which the Society is interested in taking over control. Mr. Jones expressed the opinion that the Society has a good opportunity to make this a very interesting exhibit, and to really show why Sequoyah is so justly famous.

Mr. McBride reported for the Publications Committee. He stated that the coming issue of THE CHRONICLES OF OKLAHOMA will be a little late this quarter, and that the picture of the Board members which was taken at the last meeting will be published in the issue. Mr. McBride suggested that a "Who's Who" of each member of the Board be obtained for publication in the Chronicles.

Dr. Dale presented a copy of his book FRONTIER WAYS to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Part of this book has been condensed by the United States Information Agency for distribution on the continent of Europe, Asia, and Africa. He also presented an English copy of this condensation, and one in Arabic.

Mr. Shirk announced that he, Mr. Bess, and Mr. Jordan Reaves would be hosts at a party on the evening of Tuesday, October 27th, at 6:30 p.m., at Quail Creek Country Club for officials of the American Association for State and Local History. He invited all members of the Board to be present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

GEORGE H. SHIRK
President

ELMER L. FRAKER
Administrative Secretary

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MUSEUM

Pictures:

- C. K. Luce Lumber Company, Waynoka
 Longbell Lumber Company, Waynoka
 Santa Fe Depot about 1808, Waynoka
 City Blacksmith Shop, Waynoka
 Ice Plant, Waynoka, 1909
 Hotel-Restaurant, East Cech Street, Waynoka
 Lone Star Livery Stable, Waynoka
 Hendrie Cash Store, Waynoka
 First Grain Elevator, Waynoka
 Street Scene, Waynoka
 Parade, Band and Indians, Waynoka
 Donor: Clifford Godfrey, Waynoka, Oklahoma
 Marshall McCulley's Sod House
 Temporary Capitol at Guthrie
 Donor: Copied by the Oklahoma Historical Society
 Group Guyton Business Men Campaigning for Statehood
 Flour Mill, Guyton, 1907
 Group, First Farmers Union in Texas County
 Grade School at Guyton, 1907
 F. M. Hoyer and Family
 Donor: Leola Lehman, Lawton, Oklahoma
 Wichita Grass House
 Caddo House
 Interior Earth Lodge
 Grass House
 Deacons and grass house
 Donor: Planning and Resources Board, State Capitol, Oklahoma City.
 Panoramas, long line of automobiles
 Donor: Ray D. West, Oklahoma City
 Wall of Sod House in Alfalfa County
 Sod House in Alfalfa County
 Group at Sod House, 1954
 Group at Sod House, June 12, 1954
 1954 Historical Tour at Roman Nose Park
 Donor: Nola Rigdon, Crescent, Oklahoma
 Bus, 1954 Historical Tour at Woodward
 Donor: Sands Motel, Woodward, Oklahoma
 Memorial Poem to Judge Edwin R. McNeill (illustrated and framed)
 Donor: Mrs. Edwin R. McNeill Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Exhibits:
- Jackot, gray wool for a small boy, worn in 1889
 Donor: Mrs. Ruth Stephens, Oklahoma City
 Stone Plow, found in creek bed near Harrah
 Donor: Gordon T. Schaul, Oklahoma City
 A pair of Collar Housings
 Donor: Clifford C. Jones, Elk City, Oklahoma

April 24, 1964 to July 23, 1964

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Warren, Eloise	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Aaron, Beatrice	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Anderson, Mrs. Charles G., Jr.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Bergh, George S.	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Bestwick, Mrs. Ann T.	Fairview, Oklahoma
Bronson, Mrs. Linda Fae	Broken Bow, Oklahoma
Chadwick, Monroe	Mangum, Oklahoma
Estes, Clinton N.	Ardmore, Oklahoma
Ford, Joe Gregg	Lawton, Oklahoma
Gibbs, Mrs. Everett	Madill, Oklahoma
Haggard, Charles H.	Durant, Oklahoma
Henderson, Mrs. M. R.	Delhi, Oklahoma
Hill, Mrs. Wayne	Marlow, Oklahoma
Hodge, Mrs. L. E., Jr.	Hammon, Oklahoma
Johnson, J. B.	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Kimball, Floyd L., Jr.	Knoxville, Tennessee
LaFlore, Mrs. Preston	Dallas, Texas
Locke, Miss Marcella	Madill, Oklahoma
Lovell, John E.	Enid, Oklahoma
O'Neal, Harold A.	Fixley, California
Price, Robert G.	Duncan, Oklahoma
Settle, Bill	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Spurlock, Mrs. Waneta Jeanne	Ada, Oklahoma
Strickland, Renard	Charlottesville, Virginia
Sturdivant, Mrs. Reita	Ada, Oklahoma
Thompson, Grover C.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Yount, Robert R., Jr.	Tinker AFB, Oklahoma