

Houston Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2008

Present: Jeff Gunnin, John Hunter, Nora Lane, Dorothy L. Everett, Lucille White, Carl Godsey, Tom and Betty Denton, Howard Estill, Rick Harris, Celia Sampley, Bobbie Garrett, Claudia Rucker.

Rick introduced Tri-Key Resources who presented information and samples of items which they produce for fund raising. Following review of their items, Jeff called the meeting to order.

Jeff updated the group with progress on the final touches for the jail. Rick announced that the marker is finished and is to be shipped this week. It will be placed prior to the 22nd in a temporary placement until final landscape is done in Phase II. Rick provided details for the official dedication of the Old Houston Jail Restoration on January 22, 2008 at 11am. This will be the first official event of the Winston County Sesquicentennial. All members of the Society will be needed to work with arrangements for the day. Nora announced that she has secured TV time on Jasper station's Coffee Time on January 18 to provide information about the dedication. John Hunter and Tom Denton will be interviewed with Nora. Rick will have ads placed in the Northwest Alabamian and Winston County News announcing the event.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have proposed erecting a bust of Governor John Anthony Winston on the Jail grounds. Their organization will raise the funds for the work which would be done by the sculptor who created the statue on the square in Double Springs. Ceil moved to approve the sculpture; Tom seconded the motion. Motion approved. Rick provided information on the Winston County History book which is being prepared. John Hunter is the Society's representative to the committee. Betty asked for assistance in stuffing and labeling envelopes for the invitations and following adjournment of the meeting, everyone pitched in to help.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Betty G. Denton, Secretary/Treasurer

REMINDER: Annual Dues Renewal

UPCOMING MEETING TUESDAY, March 11, 2008

6 PM – Houston Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall