

Houston Historical Society
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2007

Present: John Hunter, Nora Lane, Dorothy L. Everett, Lucille White, Betty Godsey, Carl Godsey, Tom and Betty Denton, Celia Sampley, Howard Estill, Darryal Jackson, Ann Richardson, Claudia Rucker, Rick Harris, Roger McNeece.

Following the public forum meeting at the Jail site with members of Leatherwood Inc. answering questions and providing an update of work, the regular Historical Society meeting was held. Betty Denton presiding in the absence of Jeff called the meeting to order. Leatherwood has extended the length of time to complete the restoration work due to the extensive damage that was found. A contract revision has been received. Leatherwood is contributing a portion of their cost to enable the project to remain within the original budget. A grant proposal request for the Jail Project is being made to the Daniel Foundation this week.

Discussion was held regarding Heritage Day (October 27) and the status of the work on the jail. Plans are to continue with Heritage Day, but to delay the education day for 4th graders until after the work has been completed. The next Heritage Day planning meeting is scheduled for noon, Friday (October 19) at Houston Methodist Church. Claudia asked everyone to give suggestions/contacts for vendors and for entertainment. The parade will line up at the drive/parking area of the Baptist and Congregation Churches. Boogie's Barbecue will supply the barbecue for the day as they did last year. Donations for buns, chips, drinks will be needed. Nora reported that she has scheduled time on October 25 for an interview on Coffee Time with the Jasper TV station for publicity for Heritage Day. Nora also reported that she has contacted the Walker County school system and they are interested in bringing their students for a field trip to the jail in the spring.

Betty thanked everyone who helped with the motorcycle poker run fund raiser on Saturday, October 6. Although the numbers were few, it was a good opportunity to make contacts and to bring attention to the project. \$210 was raised by the event. Rick is planning to have Houston Historical Society represented at Double Springs Bankhead Day on Saturday, October 13.

The Sipsey Wilderness Hiking Club will host a meeting on November 6 with a speaker presenting the history of the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in Winston County. The membership agreed to have the November meeting of the Historical Society be the CCC History Program at Bernice Hilton Walker Building, Highway 195, Double Springs. Betty reminded everyone that it was time to renew membership dues. No further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Betty G. Denton, Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY - NOV. 6, 2007

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camps History Program
7pm
at the Bernice Hilton Walker Building Hwy 195 Double Springs Alabama