

Houston Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2008

Present: Jeff, Donna, and Will Gunnin, John Hunter, Howard & Nora Estill, Dorothy L. Everett, Lucille White, Betty Godsey, Carl and Owene Godsey, Rick Harris, Tommy Estes, and Tom & Betty Denton.

Jeff called the meeting to order. Betty provided a financial report for the group. The Houston Heritage Day '08 netted just under \$300.00 profit. Monthly donations to the onsite donation box are averaging \$20-\$30. To date we have spent \$2216.56 on the landscaping. A detailed financial report is on file for review.

A general discussion was held regarding future activities of the organization focusing on promotion of the jail as an educational venue. Increased interest has been expressed from a variety of school systems for the 4th grade field trip which was held in 2007. Rick indicated there is potential grant funding for cultural enrichment projects which could help support and expand the school programs. Rick also indicated his interest in being primary events organizer for the group.

Regular scheduled meetings for 2009 are as follows:

2nd Tuesday in

March	September
June	December

Election of officers for 2009-2010 was held with the following being elected:

President: Jeff Gunnin

Vice President: Nora Estill

Secretary/Treasurer: Betty Denton

Board Members: Betty Godsey, Carl Godsey, John Hunter

Rick Harris described for the group a library tour program which provides information about historical sites/tourist attractions in the form of a traveling display. The only cost involved would be the development of a display. Rick recommended that an example of the nail-filled jail boards be developed for this purpose to help tell people across the state about the Old Houston Jail. Rick moved that \$300.00 be allocated for a traveling display case. Dorothy Everett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rick updated the group on the county heritage book which is now ready for printing. Adds from businesses, organizations, and individuals are being placed in the book. Betty moved that the Society place a ½ page add for \$137.00. Tom Denton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No further business, Tommy Estes moved to adjourn. Carl Godsey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Members enjoyed holiday goodies.

Betty G. Denton, Secretary/Treasurer