

Lawton Heritage Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 12, 2026 - 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SW 5th St., Lawton, OK

1. Call to order and Roll Call. Time: 5:27 p.m.
Present: Yuri Schendel, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, Sheila Fountain, John Kennedy, Sylvia Moore, Mary Owensby, Sharon Stephen
Not Present: Janie Brown, Carol Zabielski
Also present: Kellie Lindsey
2. Minutes. Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. January 2025
Motion to approve: Moore. Second: Fountain. Carried 8-0
3. President's Report – Brown
Schendel reported JoAnne Gaasbeck has verbally resigned from the board. She will continue as a docent. Old Home Rescue has completed repairs on the staircase and kitchen door. The City of Lawton is covering the expense. Schendel suggested sending thank you notes to Allan Hampton and Jason Poudrier for their help with the funding.
4. Treasurers Report. Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit.
Jones reported we have received Hotel/Motel tax money from the City for \$11,647.22. Jones submitted receipts for just over \$13,000. She will contact the City about the difference.
 - a. January 2025
Motion to approve: Fountain. Second: Kennedy. Carried 8-0
5. Business
No business items
6. Old Business
No old business
7. New Business
No new business
8. Committee/Coordinator Reports. Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. Docent Program – Brown/Moore
Dee McAllister is no longer able to serve as a docent. There will be a luncheon for her on February 25th at Salas Urban Cantina. We will need to find someone to take her spot.
 - b. Acquisitions – Stephen
No report
 - c. Board Development – Schendel
Abby DeBaca and Sylvia Moore are checking on possible replacements for Gaasbeck.

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- d. Finance – Jones
Finance Committee discussed reinvesting money at City National Bank. They will meet with LHA's investment advisor next month.
- e. Events – Jones
Jones prepared a list of upcoming events. She has purchased Valentine themed ornaments to be given out during February. She may get some for St. Patrick's Day and Easter. On May 30th we will have a Pioneer Day event on the grounds. There will be stations featuring games and activities that may include: clothes washing, horseshoes, doll making, wheel barrow races, cow milking, and seed planting. The Pioneer Women will help with a scavenger hunt that will include interviewing them.
- f. House Maintenance – Schendel
Moore will contact Mike Cornish about needed repairs to walls and ceilings. If he is unable to do the repairs we will have to find someone else. A carpet runner has been purchased for the upstairs hallway.
- g. Grounds Maintenance – Schendel
One of our trees has mistletoe. The committee will contact Pat Sullivan to see if the tree can be saved. Moore suggested a load of dirt to fill low spaces, preferably before any events on the grounds. She will check with U.S. Lawns and Swinford Sand.
- h. IT Committee – Moore
Moore will talk to Jonathan Bennett about changes to the website.
- i. Marketing – Jones
Kellie Lindsey has delivered attraction cards to local hotels and venues.
- j. Membership – Whiteley
No report
- k. Preservation – Whiteley
No report
- l. Gift Shop – Brown/Schendel
Schendel presented an inventory of the gift shop. The committee recommended not reordering low-selling items. There was a discussion of giving away old stock to guests and tour groups. Jones will check with accountant about the procedure to write off these items. Whiteley suggested an LHA basket for the Arts for All gala silent auction.

9. Comments/Audience Participation

10. Adjournment. Time: 6:07 p.m.