

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

1. Call to order and Roll Call. Time: 5:17 p.m.
Present: Janie Brown, Yuri Schendel, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, John Kennedy, Sylvia Moore, Mary Owensby
Not present: Sheila Fountain, Sharon Stephen, Carol Zabielski
Also present: Kellie Lindsey
2. Minutes. Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. February 2025
Motion to approve: Kennedy. Second: Moore. Carried 7-0
3. President's Report – Brown
No report
4. Treasurers Report. Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit.
 - a. February 2025
Motion to approve: Owensby. Second: Schendel. Carried 7-0
5. Business
No business
6. Old Business
No old business
7. New Business
Docent Mary McGee fell on the back stairs and had to have nine stitches. She is in good spirits. Brown offered to send her a card. There was a discussion about adding handrails to the front and back stairs. The House committee will discuss options.
8. Committee/Coordinator Reports. Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. Docent Program – Brown/Moore
No report
 - b. Acquisitions – Stephen
Moore reported a bib apron came into the Salvation Army store. She will bring it in to use at the house. Schendel mentioned the apron hanging in the maid's room has a lot of holes, possibly from pest activity.
 - c. Board Development – Schendel
The committee is working on items for the June business meeting, including the slate of officers for the 2027 fiscal year, recommendations to replace outgoing board members, and changes to the bylaws. Recommendations for officers and board members will be presented at the May meeting to be voted on in June. All LHA members can vote and may present officers or board members from the floor. A notice of the meeting will be included in the May newsletter.
 - d. Finance – Jones
In February we received \$1,1647.22 of Hotel/Motel funds. This week we received \$808.00. The committee will meet with financial advisor Kathy Hayden on March 31st at 3:30 p.m. Jones has paid for the rest of the name tags.

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- e. Events – Jones
In April Jones will be working on the May 30th Pioneer Days event.
 - f. House Maintenance – Schendel
Old Home Rescue has been paid for the work they've done at the house. Thank you cards were sent to Allan Hampton and Jason Poudrier. Schendel suggested board members thank Councilman Hampton should they have the opportunity. He used some of his ward money to help with the repairs. Mike Cornish has completed repairs to interior walls including a closet ceiling. Moore talked to Cornish about coming back on the LHA board. Six out eight needs identified last year have been addressed. There is some exterior painting that needs to be done. DeBaca contacted the City of Lawton solid waste department about our trash pickup and was told it should be picked up every week. Because we are a business, we do not qualify for bulk pickup. We may take some things to the City's trash off event. Jones and Kellie Lindsey may be able to get help to take the fireplace mantle from under the maid's bed. Schendel will get the kitchen door keypad fixed.
 - g. Grounds Maintenance – Schendel
Moore has made arrangements to have the crepe myrtles trimmed.
 - h. IT Committee – Moore
No report
 - i. Marketing – Jones
No report
 - j. Membership – Whiteley
No report
 - k. Preservation – Whiteley
No report
 - l. Gift Shop – Brown/Schendel
In February we had 19 tours, not including 3rd grade classes. We sold \$32.00 in the gift shop and \$72.00 in tours. We have finished with the 3rd graders and should be getting paid.
9. Comments/Audience Participation
Brown presented a thank you card from Dee McAllister for the thank you luncheon we had for her.
10. Adjournment. Time: 6:00 p.m.