

Lawton Heritage Association  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 13, 2025 - 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, Sheila Fountain, John Kennedy, Sylvia Moore, Carol Zabeilski  
Not present: JoAnne Gaasbeck, Elizabeth James, Mary Owensby, Sharon Stephen  
Also present: Kellie Lindsey
2. Minutes. Discuss and take appropriate action.
  - a. September 2025  
Motion to approve: Moore. Second: Fountain. Carried 7-0
3. President's Report – Brown  
Discussion of the 2027 Oklahoma Museums Association's annual conference.  
Kennedy entered
4. Treasurers Report. Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit.
  - a. September 2025  
Motion to approve: Moore. Second: Kennedy. Carried 8-0
5. Business
  - a. LHA participation in the 2027 Oklahoma Museums Association annual conference. Discuss and take appropriate action.  
Whiteley reported that in September 2027 the Museum of the Great Plains will host the Oklahoma Museums Association's annual conference. The museum director asked if LHA would be interested in participating. It was the consensus of the board for LHA to participate in some capacity.
6. Old Business  
Discussion of plaque honoring contributors to LHA. The cost is about \$100 and individual markers \$7.00. There was also a discussion about what to do with a bronze plaque that was once placed at the first home of Mattie and Charles Payne. No action taken.
7. New Business  
No new business
8. Committee/Coordinator Reports. Discuss and take appropriate action.
  - a. Docent Program – Brown/Moore  
New docent Alexis Millward is doing well. Jones reported she had redone the handout for Mattie's cake recipe and the tour guide. It was suggested to add an attribution for the recipe to Mattie's daughter Louisa.

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- b. Acquisitions – Stephen  
Jones reported that she had received a donation of a script for the movie *The Lawton Story*. It was decided to donate the script to the Museum of the Great Plains.
- c. Board Development – Schendel  
No report
- d. Finance – Jones  
We made around \$800.00 at the yard sale. Schendel reported we received a \$300.00 donation in memory of Minnette Page from David Hale and Rose Gryder and a \$500.00 donation from Janet Terry. Schendel had sent thank you cards to the donors.
- e. Events – Jones  
The Photos with Santa event will be on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and the annual Christmas party on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- f. House Maintenance – Schendel  
We will meet on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to decorate for Christmas. LaNette Nichols will be contacted to clean the house after the Christmas decorations are taken down. The City Manager for the City of Lawton approved funds to repair the baluster on the stairs. Schendel has given the purchase order number to Old Home Rescue so the repair can be scheduled. The replacement fireplace mantel under the bed in the maid's room needs to be removed.
- g. Grounds Maintenance – Schendel  
We are continuing to water new trees. Moore suggested that in the spring we have low areas in the lawn filled.
- h. IT Committee – Moore  
No report
- i. Marketing – Jones  
Kellie Lindsey will pick up attraction card to take to local hotels.
- j. Membership – Whiteley  
No report
- k. Preservation – Whiteley  
No report
- l. Gift Shop – Brown/Schendel  
There were 48 tours in September. We made a profit of \$301.50. We have 38 magnets left. Moore will check on getting more made.

9. Comments/Audience Participation

10. Adjournment. Time: 6:15 p.m.