

Lawton Heritage Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 10, 2025 - 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SW 5th St., Lawton, OK

1. Call to order and Roll Call. Time: 5:16 p.m.
Present: Abby DeBaca, Sylvia Moore, Jim Whiteley, Janie Brown, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Elizabeth James, John Kennedy
Not present: Mary Jane Jones, Sheila Fountain, Mary Owensby, Sharon Stephen, Carol Zabielski
Also present: Yuri Schendel, Jeff Jung
2. Minutes. Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. February 2025
Motion to approve: Moore. Second: Kennedy. Carried: 7-0
3. President's Report – DeBaca
DeBaca reported that we closed on the rent house and the money is in the bank. Our final profit was \$13,850.00. LHA has been dismissed, without prejudice, from the lawsuit involving the tenant of the rent house. We had a nice Lunch and Learn with Jari Askins. Now that the roof is repaired we will have a yard sale in June. Following a discussion, June 14th was selected for the sale.
4. Treasurers Report. Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit.
 - a. February 2025
Motion to approve: Kennedy. Second: Brown. Carried: 7-0
5. Business
No business items.
6. Old Business
 - a. Rent house update. Discuss and take appropriate action.
Discussed in the President's report.
 - b. Roof repair update. Jeff Jung, Ford Roofing.
Jung stated that, weather permitting, they should finish the roof in 3 to 4 working days. Work is going well. All historic tiles, around 600 square feet, has been saved and will be used on the west side of the house. Older tiles will be blended with the new. The copper flashing and drip edge will patina over time. The old metal will be recycled. Any guttering will be replaced. The roof has a 2-year labor, installer's warranty. Extra tile will be stored in the basement. Jung reported the project was done within the original budget. Due to supply issues the process has taken longer than expected. Jung extended his appreciation for our patience during this time.
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7. New Business
No new business.

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8. Committee/Coordinator Reports - Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. Docent Program – Brown/Moore
No report.
 - b. Acquisitions – Stephen
No report.
 - c. Board Development – Moore
The committee will put together a slate of officers for 2026.
 - d. Finance – Jones
DeBaca reported for Jones. We have submitted our receipts to the City of Lawton for Hotel/Motel funds. We received an email from the City informing us they will reimburse us for \$2,934.00 at this time and will refund the remainder next month when more funds are available.
 - e. Events – Jones
Jones submitted a report. We had 26 guests for the Askins Lunch & Learn. Our revenue for the event was \$569.14, expenses \$193.17, and profit \$375.97. Additional trays were purchased for guests to use. We should now have enough for future events.
On Friday April 4th at 9:00 a.m. we have about 50 Cache gifted and talented students coming for a tour. Jones will take our video tour to the school the Wednesday before so they can preview before their visit. There is a wedding shower on Saturday, April 26th. Frank Rush III will give a talk and book signing on May 17th. We will use the event to promote LHA membership.
 - f. House Maintenance – DeBaca
Schendel will contact Mike Cornish about interior repairs and painting to water damaged ceiling and walls on the second floor once the roof is complete.
 - g. Grounds Maintenance – DeBaca
The sprinkler system is working. The rose bushes need to be trimmed, and beds cleaned once the roof is finished. The yard people are going to spray for weeds. There was a discussion about straightening and/or moving a red bud tree. It may be cheaper to remove and replace the tree.
 - h. IT Committee – Moore
Moore let Jonathan Bennett know about the closing of the house to be added to the website.
 - i. Marketing – Jones
Once the details for the Frank Rush event have been finalized, the committee will begin promoting it.
 - j. Membership – Whiteley
Gaasbeck recruited some new members.
 - k. Preservation – Whiteley
On March 27th and 28th there will be a New Deal symposium at the Museum of the Great Plains. This is part of a state-wide planning for the

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centennial of the New Deal in 2033. The event is free. Registration is available at the museum's website.

- I. Gift Shop – Brown/Schendel
Frank Rush's books are available in the gift shop.
9. Comments/Audience Participation
Gaasbeck suggested talking to the Lawton Public Schools, after spring break, about the next school year's field trips.
10. Adjournment. Time: 6:22 p.m.