

Lawton Heritage Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 2025 - 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SW 5th St., Lawton, OK

1. Call to order and Roll Call. Time: 5:19 p.m.
Present: Abby DeBaca, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, Sheila Fountain, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Elizabeth James
Not present: Sylvia Moore (excused), Janie Brown (excused), John Kennedy, Mary Owensby (excused), Sharon Stephen (excused), Carol Zabielski
Also present: Yuri Schendel
2. Minutes. Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. April 2025
Motion to approved: Gaasbeck. Second: James. Carried unanimously.
3. President's Report – DeBaca
DeBaca updated the board about Mike Moore.
4. Treasurers Report. Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit.
 - a. April 2025
Motion to approve: Gaasbeck. Second: James. Carried unanimously.
5. Business
 - a. Purchase of rose bushes and soil. Discuss and take appropriate action.
Motion to approve up to \$500.00 for soil and rose bushes: Gaasbeck.
Second: James. Carried unanimously.
 - b. Nomination of Yuri Schendel to serve a 3-year term on the LHA Board.
Discuss and take appropriate action.
Motion to approve: James. Second: Zabielski. Carried unanimously.
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
Gaasbeck offered to help with the calendar if needed.
 - b. Acquisitions – Stephen
Discussion to move the yard sale from June to the fall, possibly October 4th. We may be able to get help from Lawton High or MacArthur groups to help move items from the basement at that time. There was a discussion about using the time before October to price items.
 - c. Board Development – Moore

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DeBaca presented the proposed slate of officers. President: Janie Brown, Vice President: Yuri Schendel, Secretary: Jim Whiteley, Treasurer: Mary Jane Jone.

d. Finance – Jones

Jones had submitted receipts in the amount of \$21,725.98 to the City of Lawton for Hotel/Motel fund. We have received \$14,136.15 so far.

e. Events – Jones

Jones has submitted information about the Frank Rush III event to Classic Chevrolet, Billingsley Ford, Krystal Miller CPA, Lawton-Ft. Sill Chamber of Commerce, Lawton Public Library, City National Bank, Oak Ridge Animal Hospital, KSWO television, County Times newspaper, The Lawton Constitution, and The UPS Store. Flyers were available at the meeting Mayor Booker will introduce Mr. Rush at the event.

f. House Maintenance – DeBaca

Painter has not yet provided a price for exterior painting. Mikw Cornish will repair and paint water damaged areas inside the house.

g. Grounds Maintenance – DeBaca

It has been too wet to plant the new trees.

h. IT Committee – Moore

Moore talked to Mike Cornish about the cell phone. He is fine continuing to pay for the phone. Yuri reported that Jones mentioned that the phone was not working well. James offered to contact Cornish and look for a new phone. Following a discussion of security cameras, it was decided to discuss the issue at a special meeting.

i. Marketing – Jones

No report

j. Membership – Whiteley

No report

k. Preservation – Whiteley

No report

l. Gift Shop – Brown/Schendel

No report

9. Comments/Audience Participation

Whiteley mentioned that Lynn Musselwhite had passed away. Schendel said that there would be a memorial service on May 24th. LHA will send flowers.

10. Adjournment. Time: 6:12 p.m.