

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Lawton Heritage Association (LHA)
March 11, 2021

1. Meeting called to order by President Sharon Stephen at 5:11 p.m.

Present: President Sharon Stephen, Vice President Janie Brown, Treasurer Mary Jane Jones, Secretary Jim Whiteley, and board members, Deborah Baroff, Abby DeBaca, Michael Cornish, Elizabeth James, Dee McAllister, Sylvia Moore, Mary Owensby, Yuri Schendel, Craig Williams.

Absent: Mike Jones (Excused), Melva Mullins, Don Price, Sherene Williams.

Also Present: Sandi Colby.

2. President's Report – Stephen

Stephen reported a reporter from the Southwest Ledger visited the house and conducted interviews for an article about LHA. Copies of the article were passed around for people to look at. She reported he loved the house and plans to join LHA. Stephen thanked Yuri Schendel for her outstanding service as LHA President, especially for keeping board members well informed. During the polar vortex in February the house did not experience any broken pipes. Stephen thanked Craig Williams for taking care of the yard and commented on how nice it looked.

3. Treasurer's Report – Discuss and take appropriate action for approval/submitting for audit.

Mary Jane Jones thanked Elizabeth James for helping her get set up and going. She commented that since she does not use Quickbooks, she has made some changes to the format and presentation of the financial report and ask members to let her know if there any changes they would like to see. LHA has changed from Arvest to City National Bank. Jones reported she has set up a Gmail account for LHA. This will make it easier to pass on the account to whoever needs it.

Motion to approve by Sylvia Moore. Second by Abby DeBaca. Carried.

4. Minutes - Discuss and take appropriate action on the November 12, Board minutes.

Motion made by Schendel to approve the November 12, 2020 Board minutes. Second by Baroff. Carried.

5. Old Business

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6. New Business – Discuss and take appropriate action.

a. Tree removal due to mistletoe growing in tree – Schendel

Schendel reported that the tree on the southwest corner of the property is full of mistletoe. It may not be possible to save the tree. Previously, it had cost around \$1,000 to deal with the problem with a similarly sized tree.

Sullivan Tree Service performed that work. Schendel asked for permission to get estimates to treat/remove the tree and stump.

Motion to approve by James. Second by Cornish. Carried.

b. Reopening MBH on April 1, 2021.

Discussion to reopen the house on April 1. James reported we had received four phone calls during the week to see if we were open. LHA will require masks and follow the City of Lawton mandate. Requests for rentals will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The opening will be posted to Facebook.

Motion to approve by Cornish. Second by James. Carried

7. Committee/Coordinator Reports – Discuss and take appropriate action.

a. Docent Program/Docent Coordinator – Colby

Colby will contact docents and prepare a calendar for the April 1st opening.

b. Acquisitions – DeBaca

DeBaca asked Cornish if it would be possible to replace the living room mantle with the old mantle it replaced before the April 1st opening. There are some funds available to replace the mantle with one that is period appropriate. The original likely matched the one above the fireplace in the entry. It might be possible to find granite that is close match to the original marble. It was decided to postpone action at this time.

c. Board Development – Brown

No report.

d. Finance – Mary Jane Jones

No report.

e. Events – Mary Jane Jones

Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on March 25 at MBH.

f. House Maintenance – Cornish

No report.

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g. Grounds Maintenance – Schendel

Rid-A-Weed was paid for services. They postponed work earlier in the week due to wind and rescheduled for Saturday the 13th if there is no rain. They will contact Yuri the day before and the day they plan to do the work. Yuri will let them onto the grounds.

h. IT Committee – Mike Jones

No report.

i. Marketing – McCallister

No report.

j. Membership – Whiteley

Two memberships were due in February, will be contacted for renewal.

k. Preservation – Whiteley

Whiteley reported the City of Lawton is proposing changes to some City parks, including the removal of three wading pools in WPA parks. He encouraged members to contact the Mayor or their council representatives with their concerns.

l. Gift Shop – McAllister

No report.

8. Comments/Audience Participation

Deborah Baroff announced she will soon be selling her house and moving to Norman. Although she will continue to work in Lawton for a time, she felt it necessary to resign from the board.

9. Adjournment

Adjourned, 5:44 p.m.