

Lawton Heritage Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SW 5th St., Lawton, OK

1. Call to order and Roll Call
Present: Abby DeBaca, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, Janie Brown, Elizabeth James, John Kennedy, Yuri Schendel, Carol Zabielski
Not Present: Sylvia Moore (excused), Michael Cornish, JoAnne Gaasbeck (excused), Mary Owensby (excused), Sharon Stephen (excused)
2. Minutes - Discuss and take appropriate action
Motion to approve: Schendel. Second: Brown. Carried: 8-0
3. President's Report – Moore
 - a. Roof update – Jeff Jung, Ford Roofing
Jung reported that the company that makes the needed tiles has recently come back online. He thinks they should be able to start the project in late July. They are waiting for the delivery date for the tiles. We will need to continue to monitor leaks. It may be necessary to make short term repairs until the full project. Ford will be using existing tiles as much as possible. The new and old tiles will be blended. Around 70% of the roof will likely be new tile. There will be areas of the roof that will be entirely new tiles. Jung will consult LHA about where those areas should be. Jung estimated the project will take between two to three weeks. Once the tiles are removed it will be possible to evaluate the decking and replace damaged areas as needed. He does not anticipate there being a large amount of damaged decking. Jung does not think, for safety reasons, that it will be necessary to close the house.
4. Treasurers Report - Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit.
Motion to approve: Brown. Second: Schendel. Carried: 8-0
5. Business
 - a. Nomination/recommend slate of officers, from the Board Development committee, for 2024-2025 to be voted on at the June General membership meeting.
President-Abby DeBaca
Vice President-Sylvia Moore
Treasurer-Mary Jane Jones
Secretary-Jim Whiteley
Motion to approve: Schendel. Second: Kennedy. Carried: 8-0
 - b. Schendel reported that three board members are terming out, DeBaca, Cornish, and Schendel. According to our bylaws under special circumstances a member can be nominated for a fourth term. The Board Development committee recommends the nomination of DeBaca for a 4th 3-year term on the Board of Directors to start July 1, 2024.
Motion to approve: James. Second: Jones. Carried: 8-0
6. New Business
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 - a. Rent house. Discuss and take appropriate action.

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DeBaca reported that Moore talked to Cornish about the rent house. The current tenants are up to date on their rent. Jones reported they are still \$600.00 behind. Cornish suggested that we sell the house before sending the tenants a letter informing them of the sale and a timeline for them to move.

8. Committee/Coordinator Reports - Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. Docent Program - Brown/Moore
No report
 - b. Acquisitions – DeBaca
DeBaca recommended changing the date of the yard sale until the fall after the roof has been repaired and we can safely use the entire property. A tentative date of October 5th was set.
 - c. Board Development – DeBaca
No report
 - d. Finance – Jones
Jones has turned in all receipts to the City for Hotel/Motel funds.
 - e. Events – Jones
Comanche County women’s extension group will tour May 21. A Lawton leadership group will tour on June 6. An additional docent may be needed for that tour.
 - f. House Maintenance – Schendel
Gary Hilman has recommended Moonlight Mechanical to take over our geothermal system. Schendel recommended contacting Tommy Taylor, with Moonlight Mechanical, after July 1 to service our system.
 - g. Grounds Maintenance – DeBaca
The person who was going to work on our sprinkler system has not shown up three times. If he does not come out, we may need to hire someone else. Schendel reported that Rid-A-Weed no longer treats weeds. DeBaca will contact The Weed Guy.
 - h. IT Committee – Moore
No report
 - i. Marketing – Jones
DeBaca reported that the Talking Trails tour is active. The Mattie Beal Home is part of the tour.
 - j. Membership – Whiteley
No report
 - k. Preservation – Whiteley
Tuesday, May 14th the City is having a dedication of Wayne Gilley Auditorium at City Hall. On May 16th and 20th the City is have public input meetings for the extension of the PropellCIP extension. There are several historic preservation projects in the CIP. The vote is August 27th.
 - l. Gift Shop - Brown/Schendel
Copies of *Prairie Lore* were removed from the gift shop. We only have one bonnet left.

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9. Comments/Audience Participation

10. Adjournment. Time: 5:51 p.m.