

Lawton Heritage Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SE 5th St., Lawton, OK

1. **Meeting called to order by President Sharon Stephen at 5:18 p.m.**
Present: President Sharon Stephen, Vice President Janie Brown, Treasurer Mary Jane Jones, Secretary Jim Whiteley, and board members, Abby DeBaca, Michael Cornish, Dee McAllister, Sylvia Moore, Melva Mullins, Mary Owensby, Yuri Schendel, Sherene Williams
Absent: Elizabeth James (excused), Mike Jones, Don Price, Craig Williams (excused)
Also present: Sandi Colby
2. **President's Report – Stephen**
Stephen extended thanks to several board members. Schendel for keeping everyone up to date about maintenance issues and progress at the house. Craig for the appearance of the yard, especially the roses. We received many compliments during the Lunch & Learn event. Cornish for overseeing the installation of the new mantle and painting the upstairs ceiling that had water damage. He also removed concrete chunks and trees from the alley as well as repairing a crack near an upstairs window. His crew also removed trees along the chain link fence. She complimented DeBaca on the selection of granite for the new mantle, it coordinates well with the mantle in the foyer. DeBaca and Schendel for cleaning the flower beds. She thanked Mary Jane Jones, Moore, and Brown for their hard work on the Lunch & Learn event. Albert Rivas did a great job on the flyer for the Lunch & Learn, numerous radio appearances, putting the event on Facebook, and taking pictures at the event. Mary Jane Jones did a great job getting food for the event and made arrangement for Rick Harrison to be the presenter. Mr. Harrison gave everyone who attended the event a succulent to take home. We received wonderful comments about his presentation and Stephen encouraged everyone to support Naturescape. Mary Jane Jones and Stephen were docents at the Red Cord event the previous Saturday. The house was beautifully decorated for the event. Lori Lee Hunter presented the program. A woman at the event brought her little boy to our Lunch and Learn.
3. **Treasurer's Report – Discuss and take appropriate action for approval /submitting for audit.**
Motion to approve by DeBaca. Second by Cornish. Carried.
4. **Minutes – Discuss and take appropriate action on April 8,2021**
Correction: Sherene Williams was at the April meeting.
Motion to approve with corrections Abby DeBaca. Second by Sherene Williams. Carried.

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5. Old Business- Fireplace Mantle and Roof

DeBaca reported on the fireplace mantle. She thanked Mike Cornish for his help moving the project along and finishing out the mantle. DeBaca and Schendel painted the tile under the mantle to match. Everyone is thrilled with how it turned out. Hard Rock surfaces did the granite. It was \$400.00 for the granite and \$36.00 for the installation. The money will be paid from the Acquisitions Committee's portion of the proceeds from the LHA garage sale.

Schendel reported that Ford Roofing had worked on the east side of the roof. They removed clay tiles in order to replace the underlayment which was badly deteriorated. They also removed an old, unused flue. They had repaired the north side of the roof two weeks earlier. Schendel has checked the attic when it has rained and there have been no signs of leaking. Ford Roofing will leave their lift on the property until they are satisfied that the repairs have been successful and it will not be needed.

6. New Business – Discuss and take appropriate action

No new business.

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

a. Docent Program/Docent Coordinator – Colby

There is no docent scheduled to work on Friday. She will put a note on the door to let visitors know we are closed. The woman who is renting the house for a birthday party in June will begin docent training with Colby. Schendel suggested we need to have another docent recruitment event.

b. Acquisitions – DeBaca

Cornish donated a large number of tablecloths, possibly from Bianco's. A couple visited the house recently and donated a teapot that matches Mattie's china. They also donated four cups and saucers and a small tray with individual cream and sugar dishes. Jana Diamond made the donation. Whiteley reported that John Kennedy will talk to his daughter about their rocking horse. If they do not want to donate it, we will make arrangements to return it. LHA is welcomed to borrow it if we would like to use it for events.

DeBaca reported that since we were not able to offer our 3rd grade program this year Lawton Public schools has asked if we would be able to offer it to 3rd and 4th grades next year so the children that couldn't come this year could attend.

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c. Board Development – Brown

The committee meets the 4th Thursday of the month and will now be meeting at the Mattie Beal Home at 5:15. The committee is continuing to work on updating the board manual.

d. Finance – Jones

Jones combined Finance and Events reports.

e. Events – Jones

The Lunch & Learn event on May 12th about succulents was a success. It was presented by Ricky Harrison. The \$15.00 tickets included lunch; sandwich, chips, pickle spear, tomatoes, mint, cookie, and salted caramel candy. Twenty-seven people attended, 7 of those signed up through Eventrite. We received 1 new Patron membership. We made a total of \$405.00. Our expenses were \$257.24. Some of the items purchased can be used for future events. Our profit was \$147.76. Future events this year: Titanic event will be July 10. Tea for Mattie's birthday in September, and in October, a Lunch & Learn event on women's health. Dr. Saliba be the presenter for that event.

f. House Maintenance – Cornish

Reported earlier.

g. Grounds Maintenance – Schendel

The tree with the mistletoe has been removed. The Sullivans also trimmed the deadwood out of the redbud, removed mistletoe from another tree, removed stumps on the property, and trimmed branches on Mattie's tree away from the house. It took most of the day to do the work. The additional work should have cost between \$500.00 and \$750.00 dollars. Mr. Sullivan only asked for two LHA memberships and a ticket to the Lunch & Learn for his wife. The two lights by the south gate have been converted to LED. A generous donor allowed us to convert the final two yard lights to LED. The lights are guaranteed for five years. If they fail within that time, they will be replaced for free. Tim Gilliland did the work on the lights.

h. IT Committee – Jones

No report.

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i. Marketing – Rivas

No report.

j. Membership – Whiteley

There were five new memberships, including the two for the Sullivans. There were to membership renewals.

k. Preservation – Whiteley

The City of Lawton will repair and put into operation the pools in the WPA parks for this year. The wall at Ron Stephens Stadium had been repaired. The City is working on plans for the repair of the gate at Highland Cemetery.

l. Gift Shop – McCallister

Attendance is up. We have sold four coloring books and a couple of postcards. The gift shop inventory will be in June.

8. Comments/Audience Participation.

9. Adjourned 5:49 p.m.