

Lawton Heritage Association
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SE 5th St., Lawton, OK

1. Call to order. Time: 5:27

Present: Sharon Stephen, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, Abby DeBaca,
Michael Cornish, John Kennedy, Yuri Schendel

Not Present: Janie Brown (excused), Elizabeth James (excused), Sylvia Moore
(excused)

2. Election of Officers for fiscal year, 2022-2023

Slate of officers presented: Janie Brown, President; Sylvia Moore, Vice
President; Mary Jane Jones, Treasurer; Jim Whiteley, Secretary.

Officers approved by a vote of members present.

3. Vote on proposed bylaws changes

Proposed changes to the bylaws:

Article IV, Section 1. Change the maximum number of members for the Board of
Directors of the Association from up to 21 to 15 members.

Article IV, Section 3. Change the number of full, consecutive terms a member
may serve on the Board of Directors from 2 to 3 terms. An additional term can be
approved by a quorum vote of the Board to be changed from third consecutive
three-year term to fourth consecutive three-year term. Change the minimum
lapsed time between serving on the Board from 2 years to 1 year.

Article IV, Section 9. Current wording: The unexcused absence of a member of
the Board of Directors from three consecutive Regular meetings of the Board
shall give cause for termination of the term of the Director.

Proposed Change: Proposed Change: Due to quorum requirements, any board
member who misses three (3) consecutive Regular meetings of the Board shall
be deemed to have resigned as a member of the Board and cease to be a
member thereof on the date of the third absence. An excused absence may be
obtained by contacting an officer prior to the meeting. A board member may be
removed from office for cause, including incompetency, or neglect of duty by the
Board of Directors, whether quorum or majority vote.

Article IV, Section 11. Change the number of members needed for a quorum
from 7 to 5.

Changes approved by a vote of the members present.

4. President's Report

Stephen reported the yard sale was a success despite the wind and heat. Mary
Jane Jones had to keep hold of the money to keep it from blowing away. We had
a steady number of customers, many of which did not want change from their
purchases. Some customers made additional monetary donations. Stephen

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thanked Jim Whiteley and John Kennedy for helping. Whiteley brought doughnuts; Kennedy picked up our lunches from Atlanta Bread. Everything was put away by 3:00 p.m. Jones reported we made \$1,258.76 from the sale and will receive a check from Goodwill for \$110.11. Stephen commented on the number of events we've had during the year. We had a full house for Mattie's Birthday Party in September 2021. We opened the house with free tours for the community to celebrate Lawton's Birthday. In October we had a fun Porch Party on a beautiful fall evening. Sylvia Moore's scarecrow Jethro is waiting in his coffin in the basement for next October. Santa visited in December. At the event John Malone was very popular with his balloon animals. Abby DeBaca made a wonderful Easter bunny at our Easter egg hunt. The pictures taken at the event were beautiful. Malone came back and created his balloon creations. In May we had a free event for the women who had supported LHA during the year. Dr. Saliba was a wonderful speaker who presented a lot of information on women's heart health. Everyone enjoyed their healthy box lunch.

Stephen thanked all the members for their support, kindness, and understanding during the year. Whiteley for his patience, and Schendel for all her guidance during the year. Stephen commented on what a great board it is to work with, and that Janie Brown is lucky to be working with such a great group.

5. Audience participation / comments

DeBaca commented how impressive it was to hear the list of events we've held during the year. Stephen said she has talked to Dr. Saliba about coming back to talk about his home country of Lebanon. Jones said that Ricky from Naturescape would like to come next spring and talk about creating planters. He will be starting a center at his business where people can make their own planters. Jones has not heard from LaNette Nichols about giving a presentation. There was a discussion about possible subjects for future Lunch and Learn events.

6. Adjournment. Time: 5:54 p.m.