

Lawton Heritage Association
General Membership meeting - minutes
Thursday, June 13, 2024 - 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SW 5th St., Lawton, OK

- 1 Call to order and Roll Call. Time: 5:16 p.m.
Present: Sylvia Moore, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, JoAnn Gaasbeck, Elizabeth James, Yuri Schendel,
Not Present: Janie Brown, Michael Cornish, Abby DeBaca, John Kennedy, Sharon Stephen, Carol Zabielski, Mary Owensby
- 2 President's Report – Moore
Moore reported on LHA activities over the past year and what a productive year it has been. Events and activities including the June 2023 hailstorm that caused damage to the property, especially the roof. LHA conducted a fundraiser to help pay for the damage. We raised \$2,700. We received a grant from the the McMahon foundation for \$140,000 to repair the roof. With the help of a \$10,000 grant from the Arvest Foundation we were able to restart our 3rd grade program. We had 1.195 3rd and 4th grade students visit the house. Acquisitions for the house included a tablet and video tour, artwork by John Malone that was made into a Christmas card, two Victorian chairs, a marble top table, pioneer dress, petticoat, and bonnets, and a rocking chair. There were several LHA and private events at the house: baby showers, photo shoots, club meetings, private tours, photos with Santa, LHA Christmas party, tea party, a wedding, and four Lunch and Learn events. Repairs to the house: 15 windows were repaired and painted, lights replaced, trees removed or trimmed, two sections of the fence repaired, and several rose bushes were replaced.
- 3 Old Business
 - a. The Board Development Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for 2024-25 for your consideration. We will entertain a motion and a second to elect the officers listed below.
President-Abby DeBaca
Vice President-Sylvia Moore
Treasurer-Mary Jane Jones
Secretary-Jim Whiteley
Motion to approve: Gaasbeck. Second: James. Carried 6-0
- 4 Comments/Audience Participation
Whiteley provided information about a webinar on the interpretation of historic homes for school groups on Tuesday, June 18.
- 5 Adjournment. Time: 5:24