

Lawton Heritage Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 14, 2023 – 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SE 5th St., Lawton, OK

1. Call to order and Roll Call. Time: 5:23 p.m.
Present: Sylvia Moore, Abby DeBaca, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, Elizabeth James, John Kennedy, Mary Owensby, Yuri Schendel, Carol Zabielski
Not Present: Janie Brown (excused), Michael Cornish, Sharon Stephen (excused)
2. Minutes - Discuss and take appropriate action
Motion to approve: Jones. Second: Zabielski. Carried 8-0
3. President's Report – Moore
Moore thanked members for cards, letters, and calls following her recent surgery. Moore thanked DeBaca for helping during her absence. Kennedy entered
4. Treasurer's Report - Discuss and take appropriate action for approval/submitting for audit
Motion to approve: DeBaca. Second: Schendel. Carried 9-0
5. Business - Discuss and take appropriate action
 - a. Dollar amount for Mattie's Tea Party
Motion to approve up to \$500.00: Jones. Second: Owensby. Carried 9-0.
 - b. Fidelity internet for the house
Motion to approve a one-year contract at \$80.00 monthly for 75 MB download, 10 MB upload speeds with unlimited data, and an \$80.00 installation fee. The contract will be reviewed after one year. Motion: James. Second: DeBaca. Carried 9-0.
 - c. Christmas cards, ornaments, and magnets for the gift shop
James will get information about engraved ornaments; Owensby will find out from Craig Williams what company made previous LHA Christmas ornaments. Moore will get information about magnets. DeBaca is talking to the UPS Store about ornaments. Stephen's grandson will be asked about photographing the artwork for the Christmas card.
6. New Business
No new business
7. Old Business
No old business
8. Committee/Coordinator Reports - Discuss and take appropriate action
 - a. Docent Program – Brown
Moore reported the schedule has been set for the next two months.

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- b. Acquisitions – DeBaca
No report.
- c. Board Development – DeBaca
No report.
- d. Finances – Jones
Information for taxes has been submitted.
- e. Events – Jones
For the Lunch & Learn with Morgan Reinart, Jones spent \$209.40. We made \$479.62. Jones has four girls who will help with Mattie's Tea Party. She has contacted Viridian, Chick-fil-A, and Wayne's for gift cards. Due to the roof damage, the fall Porch Party has been put on hold. Jones will make an announcement on Facebook with a request for donations to help repair the roof.
- f. House Maintenance – Schendel
Schendel reported that the grant funds from the McMahon Foundation have been transferred to LHA. Jeff Jung with Ford Roofing says we are on schedule for October-December repairs. He has ordered materials for the project. We have a couple of people who may be able to repair the fence. Thirty letters were sent to solicit donations for funds to repair the roof. So far, we have received \$950.00 from three donors.
- g. Grounds Maintenance – DeBaca
The hose on the south side of the house was damaged and has been repaired. We need a longer hose that will be purchased next year. The roses have been fertilized and will be fertilized one more time this year. They were damaged in the June hailstorm. We have lost about five that will be replaced next year. If Rid-a-Weed is not available to apply preemergent this fall, Pat Sullivan's son Scott may be able to do the job.
- h. IT committee – Moore
Jonathan Bennett has made changes to our preview website.
- i. Marketing – Jones
Announcements for the tea have been put on Facebook. Information has been sent to newspapers and television. Also, emails have been sent out and flyers distributed.
- j. Membership – Whiteley
No report
- k. Preservation – Whiteley
Members of the City of Lawton's Cultural Preservation Committee toured Central Fire Station with Chief Williams to discuss renovation plans for the building.
- l. Gift Shop - Brown/Schendel
We have new t-shirts in the gift shop.
- m. Audit - Schendel
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9. Comments/Audience Participation

Whiteley mentioned the passing to Paul Fisher. Fisher was a long-time member of the LHA Board. The family has asked for donations to be made to LHA or the Museum of the Great Plains. His service will be on Saturday the 16th at 1:00 p.m. at the Little Chapel of Lawton. DeBaca said LHA has sent flowers.

10. Adjournment. Time: 6:26 p.m.