

Lawton Heritage Association
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 - 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: Abby DeBaca, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, Janie Brown, JoAnne Gaasbeck, John Kennedy, Mary Owensby, Sharon Stephen
Not Present: Sylvia Moore, Sheila Fountain, Elizabeth James, Carol Zabielski
Other: Yuri Schendel
2. Minutes. Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. November 2024
Motion to approve: Gaasbeck. Second: Brown. Carried 7-0.
 - b. December 2024
No vote taken
3. President's Report – DeBaca
The Christmas decorations have been taken down and returned to the basement. The women we have hired to clean the house will be here on the 25th for a deep cleaning prior to our opening on February 1. On February 25th there will be a meeting concerning the estate of John Velas. LHA was named in his will.
4. Treasurers Report. Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit.
 - a. November 2024
Motion to approve: Owensby. Second: Brown. Carried 8-0
 - b. December 2024
Motion to approve: Kennedy. Second: Brown. Carried 8-0
5. Business
No business
6. Old Business
 - a. Rent house update. Discuss and take appropriate action.
DeBaca discussed the poor condition of the inside of the rent house. Schendel passed around photographs. We have been offered \$14,500 for the house from an investor in Florida. He will pay closing costs. DeBaca is going to talk to Mike Mahall for advice on how to proceed as a non-profit. As President, DeBaca will sign the contract on behalf of the Lawton Heritage Association.
Motion to accept the offer pending direction on the process of the sale from Mahall.
Motion: Gaasbeck. Second: Kennedy. Carried: 8-0

April 9th is a pre-trial conference concerning the lawsuit. If a settlement cannot be reached there will be a trial in August. Jones read an affidavit from the attorney with our insurance company detailing the lease and the renter's dog.

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- b. Roof repair update. Discuss and take appropriate action.
Schendel talked to Jeff Jung with Ford Roofing, according to him the tile is coming from overseas but there may be problems at the docks. He again stated to call him if we have any leaks.
- 7. New Business
No new business
- 8. Committee/Coordinator Reports - Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. Docent Program – Brown/Moore
No report
 - b. Acquisitions – Stephen
DeBaca reported we have received an 1850s chair from Shirley Pace. The donor received it from R.D. Scott, the owner of Scott's Dress Shop in Lawton. The chair is currently near the door to the portico. The room we store items for the yard sale is full. If necessary, donations for the sale can be placed in the front room of the basement.
 - c. Board Development – Moore
No report
 - d. Finance – Jones
No report
 - e. Events – Jones
Frank Rush III contacted us about carrying a book he has written in our gift shop. Jones asked if he would be interested in presenting a Lunch & Learn. Jari Askins, President of Cameron University will present a Lunch & Learn.
Attendance was down for the 2024 Pictures with Santa event, possibly because it was the weekend after Thanksgiving. Santa is booked for this year's event on December 7th
 - f. House Maintenance – DeBaca
No report
 - g. Grounds Maintenance – DeBaca
Maintenance for the sprinkler system has been completed.
 - h. IT Committee – Moore
No report
 - i. Marketing – Jones
No report
 - j. Membership – Whiteley
We had two people renew lapsed memberships. There was a discussion about the need for a membership drive.
 - k. Preservation – Whiteley
The City is making progress on the repairs to the Armory and Carnegie Library. They are hosting art classes at Carnegie Library in January. The

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Shaw brother's mural that had been removed several years ago from the Coca-Cola bottling building has been moved to the Armory until a decision can be made about its future.

I. Gift Shop – Brown/Schendel

Brown has completed part of the Gift Shop inventory. Schendel is working to finish it.

9. Comments/Audience Participation

No comments

10. Adjournment. Time: 6:14 p.m.