

Lawton Heritage Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2024 - 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SW 5th ST., Lawton, OK

1. Call to order and Roll Call. 5:18 p.m.
Present: Sylvia Moore, Abby DeBaca, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, John Kennedy, Mary Owensby, Yuri Schendel, Sharon Stephen,
Not Present: Janie Brown (excused), Michael Cornish, Elizabeth James (excused), Carol Zabielski
2. Minutes - Discuss and take appropriate action
Motion to approve: Schendel. Second: Kennedy. Carried 8-0
3. President's Report – Moore
Moore commented on how well the Christmas party went, one of the best, and thanked everyone who helped. During the party Moore did an interview with a reporter from KSWO. Moore has talked to Cornish about fence and roof repairs. He will stay in contact with the contractors. Moore is looking forward to 2024.
4. Treasurer's Report – Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit
Renters are two months behind; they are paid through November 19.
 - a. November 2023 Financial Report
Motion to approve: DeBaca. Second: Kennedy. Carried 8-0
 - b. December 2023 Financial Report
Motion to approve: Kennedy. Second: Schendel. Carried 8-0
5. Business
 - a. Nomination of JoAnne Gaasbeck to the Board of Directors
Motion to approve: DeBaca. Second: Owensby. Carried 8-0
6. New Business
No new business
7. Old Business
 - a. Talking Trails sign
The Talking Trails sign has been installed in front of the house.
 - b. Magnets for the Gift Shop
We have received 100 new magnets of the home. They will be sold for \$5.00 each. If they do well, we may add an oval magnet featuring a photo of Mattie Beal.
 - c. Mattie Beal video
The video tour of the home is complete and will be viewed following the meeting.
8. Committee/Coordinator Reports - Discuss and take appropriate action
 - a. Docent Program – Brown/Moore
Moore mentioned that Terry Dixon may not be back as a docent. DeBaca said that Brown had done a 3rd grade school tour.
 - b. Acquisitions – DeBaca
No report.
 - c. Board Development – DeBaca
The Committee discussed the rent house. The current renters have done damage to the house and are behind in the rent. DeBaca recommended considering evicting the current renters and selling the house. At the

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direction of the Board, DeBaca will send them a certified letter giving them 30 days to pay their rent. If they do not pay, the board will discuss taking further action.

- d. Finances – Jones
Jones is working on the July-December receipts for the City of Lawton Hotel/Motel tax. Jones has paid insurance.
 - e. Events – Jones
Jones reported that the committee is looking for someone to discuss women's health at a Lunch & Learn event at the end of February or beginning of March. Stephen has talked to Isabelle Zlatnik about doing the program. Following a discussion, it was decided to charge \$20.00 per person for the event.
Stephen left the meeting.
 - f. House Maintenance – Schendel
Schendel reported that we are still waiting for roof repairs. DeBaca reported that we will take down Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m.
 - g. Grounds Maintenance – DeBaca
No report.
 - h. IT Committee – Moore
No report.
 - i. Marketing – Jones
No report.
 - j. Membership – Whiteley
No report.
 - k. Preservation – Whiteley
Whiteley reported that the City will repair and open the wading pools in city parks this year and are looking at grant opportunities to repair the municipal pool. According to the State Historic Preservation Office, the municipal pool was built as a response to the refusal to integrate Doe Doe Park and may be eligible for grants for repairs.
 - l. Gift Shop – Brown/Schendel
Schendel reported that is time for inventory. Moore will check with Brown to see if she will be able to help this year.
9. Comments/Audience Participation
10. Adjournment. Time: 5:58 p.m.