

Lawton Heritage Association  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 10, 2025 - 5:15 P.M.  
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SW 5th St., Lawton, OK

1. Call to order and Roll Call. Time: 5:18 p.m.  
Present: Janie Brown, Yuri Schendel, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, Abby DeBaca, Sheila Fountain, Elizabeth James, John Kennedy, Sylvia Moore, Mary Owensby  
Not present: JoAnne Gaasbeck (excused), Sharon Stephen (excused), Carol Zabielski  
Also present: Gary Jones, Kellie Lindsay
2. Minutes. Discuss and take appropriate action.
  - a. May 8, 2025  
Motion to approve: Fountain. Second: Jones. Carried: 9-0
  - b. May 15, 2025, Special Meeting  
Motion to approve: Moore. Second: Owensby. Carried: 9-0
  - c. June 12, 2025  
Motion to approve: Owensby. Second: DeBaca. Carried: 9-0
3. President's Report – Brown  
No report  
Kennedy entered.
4. Treasurers Report. Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit.
  - a. May 2025  
Motion to approve: DeBaca. Second: James. Carried: 10-0
  - b. June 2025  
Motion to approve: James. Second: Kennedy. Carried: 10-0
5. Business
  - a. Discuss memorializing Minnette Page at the Mattie Beal Home. Discuss and take appropriate action.  
Motion to form a committee to identify individuals who have made significant contributions to the preservation of the Mattie Beal Home to be memorialized on a plaque: James. Second: Moore: Carried 10-0.  
  
Motion to donate \$500.00 to the Education Department at Cameron University to be used as a scholarship in Minnette Page's name to a student with an emphasis in history: James. Second: Schendel. Carried: 10-0.
6. Old Business  
No old business
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  
No report
  - c. Board Development – Moore

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- d. Finance – Jones  
Jones picked up our taxes. We do not have to pay state or federal. The cost was \$500.00. We received a hotel/motel check from the City for \$5,666.39. The total for the year was \$19,802.64. There is \$5,197.23 remaining from the amount we were allocated for the year. We have been approved for \$25,000.00 for this fiscal year.
  - e. Events – Jones  
Jones presented a note from Sharon Duffy thanking us for the presentation at the Museum of the Western Prairie in Altus. She also donated \$100.00 and joined LHA. Jones also presented a thank you from the Junior Service League for a tour given by Dee McAllister. They also donated \$100.00. Our upcoming events include Lawton's birthday in August and Mattie's tea. The tea party will either be on the 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of September. The yard sale is tentatively scheduled for October 4.
  - f. House Maintenance – DeBaca  
No report
  - g. Grounds Maintenance – DeBaca  
The yard is mowed every two weeks. Brown suggested checking our rose bushes for a disease that is currently spreading.
  - h. IT Committee – Moore  
Whiteley reported that Gaasbeck had talked to Chris at Sooner Security about our camera system. If we want to pursue a system, we can meet with him at his office. Following a discussion it was decided to look at other options.
  - i. Marketing – Jones  
No report
  - j. Membership – Whiteley  
No report
  - k. Preservation – Whiteley  
Whiteley reported that Old Home Rescue has started repairs to the entrance of Carnegie Library Town Hall.
  - l. Gift Shop – Brown/Schendel  
Jones noticed early Lawton magnets on a clearance table at Scott's House of Flowers. She asked if we could purchase them at a reduced price to sell at the house. They donated the magnets to us. In return we will give him a year's membership.
9. Comments/Audience Participation  
Whiteley announced that the trading post at the Museum of the Great Plains is finished. There will be a grand opening at the fall encampment in October. In August a temporary exhibit about Lawton will open.
10. Adjournment. Time: 6:04 p.m.