

Lawton Heritage Association
Regular Meeting minutes
Thursday, September 11, 2025 - 5:15 P.M.
Historic Mattie Beal Home, 1008 SW 5th St., Lawton, OK

1. Call to order and Roll Call. Time: 5:15 p.m.
Present: Janie Brown, Yuri Schendel, Mary Jane Jones, Jim Whiteley, JoAnne Gaasbeck, John Kennedy, Sylvia Moore, Mary Owensby, Sharon Stephen
Not present: Sheila Fountain, Elizabeth James, Carol Zabielski
Also present: Kelly Lynsdsey
2. Minutes. Discuss and take appropriate action.
 - a. August 2025
Motion to approve: Stephen. Second: Moore. Carried 8-0
3. President's Report – Brown
Brown handed out new committee assignments.
Gaasbeck entered.
4. Treasurers Report. Discuss and take appropriate action for approval and submitting for audit.
 - a. August 2025
Motion to approve: Moore. Second: Owensby. Carried: 9-0
5. Business
 - a. 2026 meeting dates. Discuss and take appropriate action.
Motion to approve: Gaasbeck. Second: Kennedy. Carried: 9-0
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
Discussion of difficulty moving tables from the basement. Gaasbeck offered to take care of tables for a November 9 event.
DeBaca reported that the third grade school program will start in October.
 - b. Acquisitions – Stephen
The house is limited on space for new donations. Discussion of updating the house inventory and identifying items that might be removed.
 - c. Board Development – Moore
No report
 - d. Finance – Jones
High Tech Office Systems donated a new copier. LHA pays a \$15.00 monthly maintenance fee. We have a 150 copy limit, anything over will cost two cents per copy. The limit can be adjusted. The copier has a wireless feature.

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- e. Events – Jones
The tea on Saturday filled up quickly. We have around 40 people signed up. Two women who have attended in the previous years were added to the list after contacting us about the event. Lisa Wiseman's son will bring up tables and chairs from the basement for the event. Jones invited KSWO and The Lawton Constitution to cover the event. Following a discussion of the upcoming yard sale, the date of the event was changed to November 1. Volunteers will be needed at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17 and the afternoon of Thursday the 18th to start pricing items for the sale.
 - f. House Maintenance – DeBaca
The downstairs sink has been fixed. We are still trying to get Old Home Rescue to look at the staircase. Councilman Hampton may have ward money to help pay for the repairs. There was a discussion of needing someone to clean after events. The hanging light in the upstairs bathroom needs to be replaced.
 - g. Grounds Maintenance – DeBaca
Reminder to water trees when you are here.
 - h. IT Committee – Moore
Moore will check to make sure the facility rental agreement is available on the website.
 - i. Marketing – Jones
Jones suggested members adopt a hotel or two to deliver attraction cards. She passed out a sign-up sheet.
 - j. Membership – Whiteley
No report
 - k. Preservation – Whiteley
No report
 - l. Gift Shop – Brown/Schendel
No report
9. Comments/Audience Participation
Jones suggested at the next meeting we all move to the dining room so everyone can hear what is being discussed.
10. Adjournment. Time: 6:00 p.m.