

# FRIENDS OF HONEY SPRINGS BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC SITE

## 2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### ***MINUTES***

*Honey Springs Visitors' Center*

*13 July, 2019*

**Call to Order, Welcome, and Acknowledgements:** President Logan Sharpe called the annual membership meeting of the friends of Honey springs Battlefield Site to order following the Memorial Celebration. He welcomed all federal, state, and local elected officials; Oklahoma Historical Society board members and staff, agency representatives, tribal nation leaders, directors and members of the Friends group, and all supporters and guests in attendance.

**Quorum Declaration:** Secretary DeLois McGee declared a quorum was present based on signatures on the attendee sign-in sheet.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were given to members prior to the meeting. It was noted that there was an error in the spelling of former director Denzel Garrison's name and in the amount of money held in escrow on the audit report. (See attached note). Items were noted and corrected. Mitch Myers moved to approve minutes with corrections, Mike Stidham seconded the motion. Members voted to approve the minutes as stated in the motion.

**Finance Report:** Treasurer Gary Nichols gave the finance report based on his records and the audit prepared by Cindy Farley, Peoples National Bank. All finances were in order. Beginning balance July 1, 2018, \$79,893.04; balance on July 1, 2019, \$126,919.00; Savings account balance as of audit date was \$36,317.65; Escrow savings account has a balance of \$2,295.73.(See attached report) Motion to accept the report was made by J. M. Meador, second by Mitchell Myers. Motion approved by voice vote.

**Battlefield Activity Report:** Site manager Adam Lynn reported that special programs and/or events were held each month starting in August, 2018 with positive reviews. He also stated that periodic newsletters were sent to members with email addresses. Adam also praised the regional director, John Davis, Oklahoma Historical Society staff, the Honey Springs ground crew, and the Friends group for support and assistance. He did not cite specific numbers but indicated that visitation to events and the site were increasing.

**Re-enactment Update:** Re-enactment chair, Mike Stidham, announced that detailed plans are being made for the re-enactment to be held November 1, 2, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Meetings are held monthly to ensure the event runs as smoothly as humanly possible. Education Day is scheduled for Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, with activities and re-enactment to be held on the following Saturday and Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Membership Report:** A formal membership report was not given, however, members were advised to make e-mail addresses available since the committee was in the process of diverting to online notifications. Members were also reminded to pay membership dues **\$20 annually**.

**Election of Directors:** The following persons were recommended for the term to expire in 2022: William P. Corbett, PhD, Tim Frame, Leonard Logan, IV. Esq., Karen Martin-Harding, J. M Meador, D.D.S., DeLois McGee, Mitchell Myers, D.D.S., and Renza Sharpe. The list of nominees were read and the chair called for nominations from the floor, none were submitted. J. M. Meador moved to accept the recommended slate. Tony Fields seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote electing the recommended slate.

**Other Business:** Discussion was raised concerning signage on the trail. It was determined that the signs need a face lift. Ralph Jones gave a history of the current signs and why they are no longer legible. Highway signage was also discussed. Bo Cantrell, representing the Oklahoma City Civil War Roundtable group asked how much it would cost to do all of the signage. When told it would cost approximately \$25,000, he offered to pay half the amount from his group within a year. The consensus of those in attendance was to accept his offer and match the Roundtable donation to complete funding for the project. The Friends membership voted unanimously to match the Roundtable donation. Gary Nichols made the motion, seconded by Karen Harding.

Ricky Burke made mention of graffiti on tables and benches and asked if it might be cleaned up. No action was taken.

**Acknowledgements:** Kathy Dickson, OHS, was applauded by President Sharpe for the historical quilt donated as a fundraiser for the Friends group. The handstitched sanitary commissioned quilt took about 120 hours to complete, according to Kathy. Ticket sales began immediately \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. Members were encouraged to purchase and sell tickets.

Bo Cantrell, Oklahoma City Civil War Roundtable, was thanked for his generosity in offering to fund half of the cost of Honey Springs Battlefield signage.

Ralph Jones asked that the minutes reflect appreciation from the Friends membership to the officers for continuing to carry on the business of the group.

Members were asked to follow the battle events as portrayed in the mural in the foyer painted by Mike Larsen. Special thanks for an impressive rendition!

**Adjournment:** All business having been completed. President Sharpe thanked members and guests for their attendance, everyone involved in the Memorial program, and the Preservation group and donors for providing and serving lunch.

Minutes recorded by DeLois McGee, secretary

Logan Sharpe, president

**Attachment with Correction to the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

**13 July 2019 Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site**

July 15, 2019

To: Whom it may concern

From: Gary Nichols

For: Correction on 2018

Annual Membership Meeting (Friends of Honey Springs Battlefield, Inc.)

It was discovered on July 15, 2019 that \$32,742.00 was reported incorrectly it should have been \$327.42, for USDA requirement, to be held in escrow.

Mike Stidham came to Gary Nichols office to look at the report and then back to PNB bank to check their records and found that the proper amount held in escrow was \$327.42.

Thank you,

Gary Nichols

Treasurer

FRIENDS OF HONEY SPRINGS BATTLEFIELD PARK

*ANNUAL DIRECTORS' MEETING*

*Honey Springs Visitors' Center*

*Rentiesville, Oklahoma*

*13 July, 2019*

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** President Logan Sharpe called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

**Quorum Declaration** Secretary DeLois McGee stated that 13 directors signed the attendance roster constituting a quorum present.

**Minutes:** President Sharpe called for approval of the minutes of the 2018 Directors' meeting in the hands of each director. Mitchell Myers moved the approval, seconded by Tony Fields. Minutes were approved by voice vote.

**Election of Officers:** Mike Stidham moved to accept the recommended slate of officers to serve for the coming year. Kenny Sivard seconded the motion. The slate was approved with an affirmative voice vote. Those elected were Logan Sharpe, President; Karen Martin-Harding, Vice President; DeLois McGee, Secretary; and Gary Nichols, Treasurer.

**Appointments:** The following committee chairs were appointed by President Sharpe: Emmy Scott Stidham, historian; Renza Sharpe and Emmy Stidham, membership; and Donal (Mike) Stidham, re-enactment.

**Adjournment:** All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Minutes recorded by DeLois McGee, Secretary

Logan Sharpe, President