

The March meeting of the Burton Heritage Society was called to order March 2, 2023 at 6:10pm by president Susan Kiel at the Burton Railroad Depot. There were 12 members present.

Present: Barbara S, Kristina, Susan, Tom W., Paul, Marilyn, Mary Grace, Lindy, Denetta, Den, James and Steph.

The minutes were approved as read. (motion; Mary Grace, 2nd Paul)

Barbara gave the treasurer's report. Balances were as follows: general checking \$8415.25, Chapel restoration \$37,854.56, Depot pavilion \$2,132.66 and stagecoach restoration \$1,320.83. Barbara noted that we received another great donation towards the chapel restoration from the same family foundation that donated last year.

There was no depot committee report given.

Mt Zion report: Steph reported briefly that Gary Ladewig is still getting us a bid for the siding and windows at the chapel. She asked James to follow up with Gary to ask about using smart siding rather than hardy to reduce the weight on the building. We will revisit this after Ranger day.

Next business: Texas Ranger Day plans were discussed and all members were encouraged to view the sign up genius sheet for volunteer needs for the day. Several folks volunteered at the meeting to help with various duties. Tom Whitesides has been in communication with Russell from the 200th Ranger celebration and he plans to attend the ceremony out at the cemetery at 10am. Tom W has ordered the 200th cake that we will have and we plan to serve that at 3pm. The group discussed the use of wristbands or tickets for folks to know who has paid for food and decided to go with tickets this year and see how it goes. Our biggest need is also to have more help with folks taking the tickets at each cooker team so that the teams do not have to do this. It was agreed that the society will purchase additional meat to help feed everyone that day and James is checking with HEB on pricing for fajita meat. To date the amount of sponsorships collected totals \$1300. We will have a workday this coming Sunday at 1pm to prepare for the event for anyone who can come and help. The group also agreed to place recently donated books in a specific area with a goodwill jar for folks to donate when they take a book.

After discussion of other details to remember for the event prep, a motion was made to adjourn.

(Motion, Lindy; 2nd Paul).

Respectfully submitted,

Steph Jarvis on behalf of Brenda Varner