

Edmond Historic Preservation Trust Minutes April 1, 2025, 5:00 PM
Edmond Museum
431 S Boulevard, Edmond, OK

Board Members Present:

Lisa Truesdell, Kristen Ferate, Perry Sneed, Mary Meritt, James Crowder, Robert Rice, Mical George, Linzee Bilke, Lacey Bilke, Maggie Murdock Nichols (City Council)

Board Members Absent:

Judy Pike

Guests and Staff:

Amy Stephens, Edmond History Museum
Jennifer Thornton, City of Edmond
Diane Krakowski, Champions of Character

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 5:07 by James Crowder.

2. Introduction of guests: James Crowder introduced Diane Krakowski with Edmond Champions of Character. Diane spoke to us about her organization's mission and proposed a partnership with The Trust and her organization to create a project promoting character in Edmond. After a brief discussion, Kristen Ferate made a motion that the Edmond Historic Preservation Trust partner with Champions of Character to create a project at the schoolhouse to promote character. Robert Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed. *see action item 5.C.*

3. Consideration of Approval of Meeting Minutes for March, 2025. Mary Meritt moved to approve the minutes. Perry Sneed seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

4. Acceptance of March Financial Report: Robert Rice presented the financial report for the month ending February 26, 2025. Kristen Ferate moved to accept the report. Mary Meritt seconded the motion. Motion was accepted.

5. Action Items

A. Discussion and Consideration of floor contractors for the schoolhouse - Judi Pike
Robert Rice made the motion to table this item. Kristen Ferate seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Historic District- James Crowder. James led a discussion regarding the nomination of Downtown Edmond as a National Historic Preservation District. Lisa Truesdell moved that the Trust move forward with actions to facilitate the nomination. Linzee Bilke seconded to motion. Motion passed.

C. Partnership with Champions of Character at the Schoolhouse - Diane Krakowski.
see item 2

6. Discussion items

A. Insurance renewal and change - Mary Meritt. Mary reported that she renewed our insurance with a 50% savings and a lower deductible.

B. Historic Preservation Commission History - Maggie Murdock Nichols After James Crowder reported last month that he found through the City's website that Edmond had established in the past a Historic Preservation Commission, but no record of any activity, Maggie researched to find an answer. She found that the Commission was de-established.

C. Route 66 Centennial events at the schoolhouse - Jennifer Thornton Jennifer Thornton distributed information and booklets regarding Rt 66 in Oklahoma. She suggested that we have an event at the schoolhouse in August..

D. Website and Social Media Updates - Lacee and Linzee Bilke. Lacee will make a new Facebook page since ours is not assessable. Linzee will check on the Google listing for the Trust and schoolhouse to correct information displayed.

E. Schoolhouse operations. Various members reported needs at the schoolhouse

1. Flagpole lockbox needs to be replaced.
2. Schoolhouse sign needs to be touched up.
3. Paint on schoolhouse looks dingy
4. We need to purchase cleaning supplies
5. Need security for homeless problem. We need to look at our liability if an incident occurs regarding homeless on our property
6. The fence needs to be repaired
7. We need a sign with hours of operation.

F. Edmond museum report - Amy Stevens. Amy reported that the Museums emergency plan includes the schoolhouse.

7. Citizen Comment. none

5. Adjournment: Perry Sneed moved to adjourn at 6:07 pm. Robert Rice seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The next scheduled meeting is 5:00 pm, May 6, 2025 at the Edmond History Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Truesdell

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