

January Meeting Minutes

by Janice Eastridge, Secretary

The Crawford County Historical & Genealogical Society met on January 08, 2007 at the Media Center of the Crawford County Jr.-Sr. High School, with President Jim Kaiser presiding.

The program for the month was presented by Larry Burmeister on the ancestry and descendents of Lemuel Ford of Crawford County. The Society then recessed for the individual committee meetings.

The minutes for December were approved as read.

Sharon Morris gave the financial report. The beginning balance as of December 12, 2006 was \$7,127.45 plus deposits of \$148.90 for a total of \$7,266.35 minus disbursements of \$396.91 and copy fund of \$815.69 totals \$55,338.06.

The total amount due for the Jennings Township Cemetery Books was \$329.42, and the check was written for \$322.48. Priscilla Eastridge paid the difference and has since been paid back. The motion was made by Betsy Young to accept the financial report and seconded by Larry Burmeister, the motion carried.

The Proctor House report was given by Hugh and Evelyn Jackson. Hugh reported that the carport, brick and the tree have all been removed. The flag has also been taken down until Larry Young can get a light installed to illuminate the flag at night. Evelyn Jackson gave the financial report of the Proctor House. The beginning balance was \$9,249.43 minus check withdrawals of \$494.48, \$2,800 to Ron Stiller, \$6.30 sales tax, and \$54.67 to Pat Holland for a total of \$5,893.98.

Ron Stiller is going to get estimates from Tim Johnson to repair the brick, and also from someone to make repairs to the windows and sills. Mr. Stiller suggested restoring and making repairs to the original part of the house, and taking down the addition. The money that would be saved by not restoring the addition (approximately \$100,000.00) could be used to build a separate building to accommodate a meeting room and restrooms. Larua Renwick will be here on Wednesday, January the 10th to take additional pictures needed of the house.

Betsy Young gave the fundraising report. There were 13 ornaments, 3 plates, 17 other orders, and donations totaling \$193.00.

Richard Eastridge gave the publications report. The Jennings Township Cemetery books are done, and Larry and Betsy Young went to Evansville to pick them up. Larry Burmeister has made copies of the History of Crawford County book by John H. Weathers, and they will be sold for \$10.00. Larry Burmeister has compiled the 1922-33 School Directories. Due to its size, it would

be best to incorporate it into another publication. The book on the CCC Camps should be done sometime in February. Roberta Toby made the motion to accept the publication report and Ruth Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Priscilla Eastridge gave the report on memberships. There are 91 paid members at this time. Post cards were also mailed out reminding people that it is time to pay dues. Twenty cards were mailed out with nine responding.

Larry Burmeister gave the Archives report. There were 6 visitors in December and 2 in January.

Richard Eastridge gave the County Historian report. A man from Tennessee gave Richard ledgers from Jefferson County. Richard has donated them to Jefferson County in the Society's name. Roberta Toby has spoke with the family of Felix Sloan who was a native of English, and recently died in New Mexico. Mr. Sloan has done extensive research on the Sloan family, his daughters are going to send some material to the Society.

In old business, Priscilla Eastridge asked for approximately \$32.75 to purchase items to sell at different functions that be suitable for children. The amount was approved. Sharon Morris has contacted the state Dept. of Revenue concerning the paying of sales tax. She was told to put it in writing, and then they would respond. The 1812 markers are in and ready to be set. It was decided not to order any more markers until the others have been set.

In new business, the speaker for the February meeting was discussed. Since February is Black History month, some of the suggestions were Maxine Brown, Mert Stroud, and the history of the black CCC Camp in Harrison County. Crawford County Establishment Day is March 1st. A pitch-in dinner will be held at the English Senior Citizens building at 6:30 p.m. Ralph Stroud will be contacted to see if he can be the guest speaker. A list of who should be sent invitations will be decided at the February meeting.