

**MINUTES**  
**Leawood Historic Commission**

January 6, 2022  
Leawood City Hall and via Zoom

Present: April Bishop- Chair, Janet O’Neal, Clara Van Draska, Alice Hawk, Jim Huxtable, Council Liaison Jim Rawlings and Staff Liaison Holly York.

April Bishop called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

Alice Hawk moved and Janet O’Neal seconded the motion for approval of the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes. The minutes were approve unanimously.

**I. Finance Report**

Alice reported that the financial report is unchanged, however, there is a \$150 donation that needs to be deposited.

**II. Old Business**

**A. Interviews**

April and Janet interviewed Mike Eggleston.

Alice has interviewed former Mayor, Everett Mealman.

**B. Plaques**

- Historic Oxford Schoolhouse

April reported that she has copy from Beverly Hurley for the plaque. She will send the copy to the Commission and to Chris Claxton to ensure that the information is correct.

- Leawood Presbyterian Church’s 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

April suggested that the Commission will need to coordinate with church leaders on a celebration date. The committee discussed having a proclamation with Mayor Dunn along with the presentation of the plaque. Jim Huxtable will find the date of the event before the next meeting.

- Linwood Cemetery

April suggested that the committee will need to coordinate with the Regnier family. The DAR is not moving forward with the cemetery renovations.

Alice will talk to Bob Regnier about the plaque to get the family’s statement.

April will talk to Denise with the DAR about writing the copy for the plaque or she will write the copy.

Holly noted that receiving the bronze plaques are taking longer than four weeks due to supply chain issues.

### C. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

April would like to narrow down the list of proposed historic events to celebrate the City's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to coordinate those events with the Leawood Foundation before the next meeting.

## III. New Business

### A. Historic Articles

April will narrow down the subject list of articles.

Clara will write about the Giblin house and the Ruskin Heights tornado.

April and Holly discussed adding information on the history articles to the Leawood Program Guide.

April would like to provide copy about a history event for January 2023 for the program guide.

Holly replied that that copy would be due in June.

### B. JCKHF Gala

April reported that the JCKHF Gala will be April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and that the tickets will be \$100 each. She stated that the committee does not need to have a set number of items for the silent auction. Alice has a BBQ gift basket that she can donate for the auction.

April will create the centerpieces for the event and asked for volunteers to help. Holly agreed to leave cards for the event on the front desk and in the Oxford Schoolhouse.

### C. 96<sup>th</sup> and Lee Report

Jim Rawlings reported that the construction drawings are finished and are out to contractors for bidding for the new Fire Station #1. Bids are due by mid to late February. A date for breaking ground will be established after a bid is accepted.

## IV. Upcoming Events

Holly York reported the following:

- State of the City will be on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Vista 154, tickets will be \$20 per person.
- A call to for photos for the history book will go out to the community soon.
- Asked the Commission to submit photos from 1998-present.
- Janet suggested looking into the Leawood Women's Club for historic photos.
- Holly suggested posting a call on Facebook for photos.
- Two public artworks will be moved in the spring
- "Skywriting" will go to the South Lake.
- The donated artwork, "Praise", will go to Fire Station #3.
- The City requested to have three hearts from the Parade of Hearts which should be delivered in March. The hearts will be on view until they are auctioned off at a gala in June
- The Historic Oxford Schoolhouse will reopen in March.

April Bishop reported the following:

- The committee members should have received invitations for the I-Lan Sister City Dinner. All are encouraged to make reservations however; plans can change due to rising Covid-19 cases.

Clara reported the following:

- Carrie Nichols, Executive Director of the Alexander Majors House Museum, has invited the Leawood Historic Commission to help with fundraising. Clara discussed helping with simple events like a Christmas tree decorating contest.

April suggested finding a set a time to meet regularly.

Holly found that the third Wednesday of every other month was available. The committee agreed with this new schedule starting in April.

Jim Huxtable motioned to make the next meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:30 PM and Clara seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Holly agreed to set up the meetings on the third Wednesday of every other month.

April will email the meeting dates to the committee.

Jim Huxtable motioned to adjourn and Alice seconded. All approved.

The next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:30 PM

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM

Submitted by: Holly York, Cultural Arts Supervisor