

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
January 28, 1943

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society convened in the Historical Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 28, 1943, with Judge Robert L. Williams, President, presiding.

The roll call showed the following members present: Judge Robert L. Williams, Judge Thomas H. Doyle, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mrs. Jessie E. Moore, Hon. George L. Bowman, Dr. E. E. Dale, Hon. Thomas J. Harrison, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Frank Korn, Mrs. Blanche Lucas, Hon. J. B. Milam, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Juge Baxter Taylor, Mrs. John R. Williams and James W. Moffitt, the Secretary.

Hon. George L. Bowman discussed the matter of holding the annual meeting at Kingfisher, and moved that we dispense with the annual meeting this year on account of gas and rubber restrictions, which was set to be held at Kingfisher in May of this year. The motion was seconded and carried and the Board expressed regret to the people of Kingfisher that the war condition made it necessary for this action to be taken.

The Secretary read the minutes of the special meeting of the Board held at Tulsa, January 4, 1943, and there being no objection the minutes stood approved as read.

Judge Robert A. Hefner moved that all absentees be excused on account of the inclement weather. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary read the report of the election of five Board members as follows:

In accordance with Section 2, Article 3 of the Constitution, the President and Secretary opened the ballots January 26, 1943, and with the Chief Clerk and Collector and Solicitor acting as tellers, the results were as follows: W. J. Peterson received 225 votes, Thomas H. Doyle received 235 votes, A. N. Leecraft received 242 votes, Edward C. Lawson received 230 votes, Mrs. J. Garfield Buell received 205 votes and Mrs. Edward M. Box received 134 votes.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour moved that the five receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected for the ensuing five year terms. Motion was seconded and carried.

Hon. George L. Bowman asked to be excused from further attendance at this meeting as he had an important committee meeting awaiting him in the legislature, which request was granted.

The Secretary reported the gift of two quilts for the museum, a memorial quilt from the Stonewall Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy containing the names of relatives of the members in World War II; and a victory quilt made by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1857, each with a request that these quilts be framed. The President offered to furnish walnut lumber, if same which he had met specifications, for the frames if the Society would pay the transportation charges.

Hon. J. B. Milam moved that the Society pay the transportation charges on this lumber from the private funds of the Society. Motion was seconded and Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Vice President, put the motion which carried.

The Secretary stated that the Ancel Earp & Company had presented the notice of the premium due on the bond of the Treasurer of the Society in the sum of \$15.00.

Mrs. Frank Korn moved that the premium on this bond in the sum of \$15.00 be paid out of the private funds of the Society. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Robert L. Williams presented to the Society for the archives the following books, which had been secured through the efforts of Hon. Paul Walker and Judge J. W. Madden both of Washington, D. C.:

A volume containing the records of the Court of Claims, No. 21,139 in the case of the Delaware Indians vs. the Cherokee Nation and the appendix to the records in said case in the United States Supreme Court October 3, 1899; No. 337 United States vs. the Choctaw Nation et al. No. 338 Wichita Band et al. vs. United States et al. No. 339 Choctaw Nation et al. vs. United States et al. the attorneys being J. M. Wilson, George T. Barnes for the Choctaws and H. E. Payne for the Chickasaws. Also Congressional No. 17641, in the Court of Claims of the United States, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations vs. The United States, the attorneys being Harry W. Blair, Assistant Attorney General, George T. Stormont and Wilfred Hearn. Also same number in the Court of Claims of the United States—The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations vs. The United States of America, the attorneys being Carl McFarland, Assistant Attorney General, George Stormont and Wilfred Hearn. Another in the Court of Claims of the United States of America, petition filed July 8, 1931, and the Congressional No. 17641 The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation, a brief and request on behalf of the Choctaw Nation.

Mrs. Frank Korn moved that Hon. Paul Walker and Judge J. W. Madden be thanked for this contribution to our library. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Blanche Lucas moved that the Board extend its thanks to the 89ers Association for the co-operation they have given us in preserving the history of the State. Motion was seconded and carried.

The question of accepting gifts of clothing, etc. for the museum was discussed, and Judge Baxter Taylor moved that a committee of three be appointed to consider these requests and make recommendations to the Board. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President appointed the following committee: Judge Baxter Taylor, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour and Mr. H. L. Muldrow, to serve in this capacity.

Dr. E. E. Dale presented an autographed copy of his address on the Cheyenne-Arapaho Country.

Mrs. Frank Korn moved that it be accepted and that Doctor Dale be thanked for this addition to the library. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Jessie E. Moore moved that the Board give Doctor Dale a memorial of appreciation for the books on the history of Oklahoma that he has written. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President read the following list of applicants for annual membership in the Society:

Elizabeth Boarman, Norman; Richard W. Burkhardt, Tulsa; Hugh W. Carden, Birmingham, Alabama; W. Max Chambers, Okmulgee; Boris B. Gordon, Washington, D. C.; T. B. Hall, Pawhuska; Gen. Stonewall Jackson, Camp Gruber, Okla.; Mrs. O. F. Leitner, Okarche; Doris Lee Looney, Tulsa; Mrs. W. V. McClure, Muskogee; Mrs. Edna Porter, Tonkawa; Mrs. George Rainey, Enid; Col. Horace Speed, Jr., Spokane, Washington; Mrs. Ernest Sullivan, Oklahoma City; Doris Loraine Turner, Tulsa; Violet Willis, Pawhuska and Seth Wilson, Pawhuska.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle moved that they be accepted and received as annual members of the Society. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow, chairman of the Map Committee, reported that the only bid received for a map case for the library was that of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, which was \$895.00 for an all-glass map case 44-7/8" by 65" by 43-3/4" deep, with eleven shelves.

Mrs. John R. Williams moved that this bid be accepted and the contract let to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President announced that the map committee consisting of Mr. H. L. Muldrow, chairman, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour and James W. Moffitt would be continued to see that the contract with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company was carried out.

Mrs. S. C. Wheeler and Mrs. L. P. Lawrence, sponsors of the quilt given by the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars appeared and were received and thanked for their quilt.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour moved that the quilts from the Stonewall Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars be accepted and that each organization be thanked for these additions to the museum. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle asked to be excused from further attendance at this meeting, which request was granted.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow announced that he had secured for the library all of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, all of Oklahoma Territory except two and all of the State of Oklahoma up to date.

The President announced that Governor Robert S. Kerr had presented an autographed copy of his inaugural address for the archives.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow moved that it be accepted and placed in the archives division of the vault, and Governor Kerr be thanked for same. Motion was seconded and carried.

Hon. J. B. Milam announced that Judge Robert L. Williams had secured copies of the joint meetings of the Bar Association of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory up to September 17, 1904, and moved that he be thanked for his contribution to the library. Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Vice President, put the motion which had been duly seconded, and it was carried.

Hon. J. B. Milam presented to the Society a bound volume of the *Message of the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation with declaration of the Cherokee people as to the causes which led them to withdraw from their connection with the United States*, the gift of Mr. Lester Hargrett of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. John R. Williams moved that it be accepted and Mr. Hargrett be thanked for this gift. Motion was seconded and carried.

Hon. J. B. Milam presented to the Society a Cherokee banner, showing the seal of the Cherokee Nation.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour moved that the banner be received and that Mr. Milam be thanked for this contribution to the museum, and that a committee of one be appointed to invite the other four nations of the Civilized Tribes to present like banners for the museum. The motion was seconded and carried, and the President appointed Mrs. Jessie E. Moore to convey this request to the Choctaws, the Creeks, the Seminoles and the Chickasaws.

Mrs. Frank Korn, chairman of the committee to secure miniatures of the "First Ladies of Oklahoma" reported that she had secured the promise of one miniature.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Treasurer, read her annual report and same was filed for preservation.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Treasurer, also read her report on the Robert L. Owen portrait fund.

The President presented Mr. Boris B. Gordon, the artist who painted the Robert L. Owen and the Robert L. Williams portraits.

Judge Robert A. Hefner moved that a committee of three be appointed, with Hon. J. B. Milam as chairman, to consider the purchase of the Robert L. Williams portrait. Motion was seconded and Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Vice President, put the motion which carried, and she appointed Mrs. Frank Korn and Judge Robert A. Hefner also on this committee.

The President appointed the following advisory committee on appropriation, in addition to the regular committee, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Mrs. Blanche Lucas, Mrs. John R. Williams.

Dr. E. E. Dale discussed the Indian material pertaining to Oklahoma, which is housed in the Indian Agency at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the President.

ROBERT L. WILLIAMS,
President.

JAMES W. MOFFITT,
Secretary