

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE
OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 28, 1943.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society was held in the Historical Society building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 28, 1943, with Judge Robert L. Williams, President, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll which 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, Judge Harry Campbell, Dr. E. E. Dale, Judge Thomas A. Edwards, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Frank Korn, Mrs. Blanche Lucas, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Judge Baxter Taylor, Mrs. John R. Williams and James W. Moffitt, the Secretary.

On motion duly seconded the absentees were excused on account of other engagements or the gas and tire rationing restrictions.

Mr. H. C. Jones appeared before the Board and presented the request of the YWCA Association for the use of the Women's Patriotic Room for the monthly meetings of the Association.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle made the motion that the matter be referred to the committee on that room of which Judge Robert A. Hefner is chairman. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President introduced Judge C. Ross Hume of Anadarko, one of the members of the Society.

The President transmitted to the Society the uniform of Col. Lorenz Rodke, a member of the staff of Governor Williams and a group picture of Governor Williams and his staff at the laying of the corner stone of the Capitol November 16, 1915, the gift of Col. Rodke's daughter, Mrs. Marie Rodke Bailey, of Ada, Oklahoma.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour made the motion that this uniform and picture be accepted and that Mrs. Bailey be thanked for this contribution to the Society. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle made the motion that the Secretary be instructed to have the picture framed and also to secure the identity of each person in the picture. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that the Society request Gen. Pat Hurley to contribute his portrait for the art gallery. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President transmitted three books for the Library, the gift of Dr. Urban de Hasque of Manchester, Oklahoma, i. e. (1) *The Oklahoma Sacramental Wine Case*, (2) *History of the Catholic Churches in Oklahoma, 1874-1940* and (3) *St. Rose of Lima Parish Bulletins 1933*.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that these be accepted and that the President be requested to express the thanks and appreciation of the Society to Dr. Urban de Hasque. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President also transmitted the framed picture of the building in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, in which the Historical Society was organized in 1893, the gift of Hon. George L. Bowman.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour made the motion that this picture be accepted with appreciation and Mr. Bowman be thanked for his contribution of the picture of this memorable building. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President read a contract of gift by Sgt. Thomas V. Connor, presenting a buffalo robe overcoat and a large photograph of an "Old Scouts' Reunion."

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that these be accepted with thanks and appreciation, and that the picture be framed. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow presented the *Proceedings of a Conference of Grand Masters*, held at Philadelphia, June 1, 2, and 3, 1909, the first conference of Grand Masters held in the world.

Judge Thomas A. Edwards made the motion that this book be accepted and Mr. Muldrow thanked for this contribution to our collection of Masonic material. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Frank Korn in behalf of Mrs. M. Alice Miller, of El Reno, Oklahoma, presented the portrait of her husband, Dr. Charles Miller, to the Society, and requested that it be hung near her portrait and the case of books in the library which she had given to the Society. Mrs. Miller was assured that her request would be complied with. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President read the presentation of gifts from the files of Douglas H. Johnston, last elected Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, also gifts from her own collection, all contributed by Mrs. Juanita Johnston Smith, the daughter of Governor Johnston, consisting of photographs of Chickasaw subjects and people and newspaper clippings presented through the office of Miss Muriel H. Wright for listing the historical data on the pictures for the research department. The collection included a tin, money box that had belonged to Jane Hawkins Factor, great grandmother of Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Jessie E. Moore made the motion that these be accepted with thanks and appreciation. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle moved that a resolution be adopted expressing condolence to Gen. Charles F. Barrett and his family in their bereavement over the recent death of Mrs. Charles F. Barrett, and copy be forwarded to them. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President called attention to the passing of Col. Arthur Neal Leecraft and the sketch on his life, which will appear in the December issue of *The Chronicles*. A motion was made and seconded, expressing appreciation for his valuable services as a member of the Board of Directors for many years. Tributes were made to his memory by different members of the Board present.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the meeting of the Board held July 29, 1943. Upon motion of Judge Thomas A. Edwards, duly seconded, they were accepted as read.

The Secretary presented a letter from Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, relative to the Fort Gibson property, as follows:

"I find that I will not be able to attend the meeting on next Thursday, therefore I would like to make a report on our Fort Gibson property.

"I drove to Fort Gibson last Sunday afternoon, stopping at Muskogee for Dr. Grant Foreman to join me. We made an inspection of the property and find it to be in fair condition, with some improvement made by our tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Fronsberger, except the roof. The leak that we had repaired some time ago is still causing trouble, and we directed Mr. Fronsberger to see if the men who made the repairs would not give it some attention, even though we paid them for their additional work. However, if they will not attend to it we will have some one else make the repairs.

"Mr. and Mrs. Fronsberger are taking good care of the premises and are glad to co-operate with us in any recommendations that we make. I believe that I am speaking for the committee in recommending that they be retained as custodians of the property, and I believe that they would like to have the privilege of staying there at least one more year."

(Signed) Thomas J. Harrison."

Judge Robert A. Hefner reported that all outstanding claims against the Robert L. Williams portrait fund had been paid and that there remained a balance of \$14.92, and made the motion that this balance be transferred to the private funds of the Society. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Blanche Lucas and carried.

The Secretary called attention to the gift made by Mrs. J. Garfield Buell, a painting by Carl Sweezy, the Indian artist, representing a peyote ceremonial tepee. Upon motion duly seconded, the Secretary was requested to have it framed and the amount paid out of the transferred fund.

The Secretary presented the following list of applicants for membership:

LIFE: T. Jack Foster, Norman and David D. Price, Oklahoma City.

ANNUAL: Mrs. Phoebe W. Addison, Weatherford; E. S. Anthony, Norman; Mrs. D. H. Aston, Tulsa; T. R. Benedum, Norman; Wallace Brewer, Lookeba; George M. Brown, McAlester; Lowell C. Brown, Norman; J. A. Burkhart, College Station, Texas; Harold Bash Carey, Oklahoma City; John Richard Cavnar, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Harry W. Clegern, Edmond; Benjamin C. Conner, Tulsa; Harold S. Cooksey, Norman; Mrs. Hugh Cooper, Oklahoma City; James S. Downing, Norman; Prof. Mattie Driskill, Weatherford; Mose W. Endicott, Norman; Dr. James H. Felgar, Norman; Miss Hyla Ford, Norman; John W. Foster, Norman; James D. Fulton, Muskogee; Russell A. Gideon, Tulsa; L. L. Gill, Shawnee; Sam G. Hale, Norman; E. C. Henderson, Norman; Mrs. Clarence J. Hindman, Tulsa; Judge Justin Hinshaw, Norman; Clyde M. Holliday, Norman; Norman M. Hulings, Tulsa; Robert Walton Hutto, Norman; Ernest B. Jackson, San Marcos, Texas; Jerry B. Jeter, Oklahoma City; G. B. Johnson, Norman; Philip C. Kidd, Norman; Mrs. William A. Kraus, Bartlesville; James A. Lathim, Jr., Fort Sill; Herman E. Lautaret, Norman; F. F. Lindley, Oklahoma City; Dr. W. T. Mayfield, Norman; Henry P. Meyer, Norman; Frank O. Miller, Norman; Mrs. Edna Muldrow, Weatherford; Prof. W. K. Newton, Norman; Rev. Ernest F. Nolte, Kingfisher; Mrs. J. M. Owen, Oklahoma City; Robert Lee Owen, Tulsa; W. H. Patton, Norman; Mrs. Ed L. Peckham, Blackwell; Fred Reed, Norman; G. M. Roberts, Norman; Jasper Roberts, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Mary Rodgers, Konowa; Mrs. Edith Barrows Russell, Oklahoma City; Harry B. Rutledge, Norman; Robert D. Shaw, Tulsa; E. F. Sherman, Norman; Mrs. Alpheus L. Spencer, Norman; George W. Tarter, Norman; Dr. H. V. Thornton, Norman; J. V. Tully, Oklahoma City; Paul W. Updegraff, Norman; Dr. Andrew B. Walker, Norman; Mrs. A. L. Welsh, Oklahoma City; Mrs. L. G. West, Oklahoma City; M. G. Wicker, Oklahoma City; Lester A. Wiedman, Norman; Dr. G. A. Wiley, Norman; Dr. W. M. Wilson, Tulsa; and Dexter Woods, Oklahoma City.

Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that they be elected and received as members in the class indicated in the above list. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow, chairman of the membership committee, was commended for his success in securing new members.

Mrs. Jessie E. Moore reported progress in her endeavors to secure banners from the Choctaws, the Chickasaws and the Seminoles.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow, chairman of the map committee, reported that the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company informed him that it would be unable to furnish the map case as provided by action of the Board January 23, 1943. Mr. Muldrow made the motion that a committee be appointed to make other purchases to conserve this fund. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President appointed Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Judge Robert A. Hefner and Judge Baxter Taylor, to serve on this committee, for the purchase of other equipment in lieu of the map case.

Judge Robert A. Hefner moved that the committee on repairing maps be continued. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Jessie E. Moore made the motion that the said committee be authorized to purchase museum cases if funds are available. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President announced a vacancy on the Board occasioned by the death of Col. Arthur Neal Leecraft.

Mr. H. L. Muldrow nominated Mr. Thomas G. Cook, of Buffalo, Oklahoma, as a member of the Board to succeed Col. A. N. Leecraft.

Judge Thomas A. Edwards seconded the nomination.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle made the motion that the rules be suspended and the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Cook. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried and the Secretary cast the ballot. Mr. Cook was elected director.

The President read a letter from Dr. Grant Foreman, tendering his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that his resignation be accepted with regrets, and that Dr. Grant Foreman be elected Director Emeritus for life. Motion was seconded and carried.

Judge Robert A. Hefner made the motion that Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, of Muskogee, be elected to succeed Doctor Foreman on the Board, which was duly seconded.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle made the motion that the rules be suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the Board for Mr. Mountcastle. Motion was seconded and unanimously carried. The Secretary cast the ballot of the Board for Mr. Mountcastle as director.

Mrs. John R. Williams presented a picture of the missionaries Rev. Walter Roe and his wife and Rev. Frank H. Wright at the Seger Indian School at Colony Indian Territory.

Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour made the motion that this picture be accepted with appreciation and that it be framed. Motion was seconded and carried.

The President appointed the following committee to supervise framing these pictures: The Secretary, Mrs. Annie R. Cubage and Mrs. Frank Korn.

Hon. George L. Bowman made the motion that the Governor and the State Board of Affairs be requested to lend temporarily and for a reasonable length of time the minutes of the State Capitol Commission and of the Citizens' Advisory Capitol Commission to the Society, to be copied. Motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting on motion duly seconded stood adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Robert L. Williams,
President

James W. Moffitt,
Secretary