

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

June 25, 1945

The called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society convened in the Historical Society Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 9:30 A. M., June 25, 1945, with the President, Judge Robert L. Williams, presiding.

The Secretary called the roll which showed the following members present: Judge Robert L. Williams, Judge Thomas H. Doyle, Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour, Mr. Jim Biggerstaff, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Anna B. Korn, Hon. J. B. Milam, Hon. R. M. Mountcastle, Mr. H. L. Muldrow, Judge Baxter Taylor, Mrs. John R. Williams, and the Secretary.

Judge Thomas H. Doyle made the motion that the absentee members be excused as having given good and sufficient reasons for their absence. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. R. M. Mountcastle made the motion that the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting, held April 26, 1945, be passed subject to be called for consideration at the instance of any member of the Board. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

The motion was made that mimeographed copies of the quarterly report of the Secretary, containing brief reports and essential details of the reports of the employees of the Society, be mailed to the members of the Board of Directors ten days before the date of the regular meeting or a meeting held as a regular meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

The President reported that there was a vacancy in the place of Building Custodian due to the death of Sam H. Davis who was elected to that position at the last meeting of the Board.

The application of Buren F. Malone, an applicant for said position, was read by the President.

The motion was made that the President appoint a committee, with himself as a member of said committee, to consider the application of Mr. Malone as to his qualifications for the position of Building Custodian. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

The committee appointed is as follows: Judge Baxter Taylor, Judge Robert A. Hefner, Mrs. Anna B. Korn, and H. L. Muldrow. This committee is authorized to make a temporary appointment for the position of Custodian of the (Historical) Building.

The President reported that there were applicants for the position of guide and/or ex-officio custodian of the Confederate Soldiers Memorial Hall, in the Historical Building; and read the applications of Mrs. Helen M. Gorman and Mrs. E. E. Culbertson.

The vote was taken by ballot, the Secretary and the Chief Clerk being appointed by the President as tellers. The ballots were counted and recorded by them which showed nine ballots cast for Mrs. Helen M. Gorman, and she was declared elected guide and/or ex-officio custodian of the Confederate Soldiers Memorial Hall in the Historical Building.

The President read the applications of Mrs. Grace Johnson Ward, Mrs. Myrtle I. Fortner, and Mrs. Annie M. Canton for guide and/or ex-officio custodian of the Union Soldiers Memorial Hall in the Historical Building.

Before the vote was taken, Mrs. John R. Williams stated that Mrs. Canton wished to withdraw her application for the position.

The votes for guide and/or ex-officio custodian of the Union Soldiers Memorial Hall being counted and recorded by the tellers, Mrs. Grace Johnson Ward receiving all the votes cast, she was declared elected guide and/or ex-officio custodian of the Union Soldiers Memorial Hall in the Historical Building.

Dr. Emma Estill Harbour made the motion that the President make application to the Governor for the sum of \$100 per month from his contingent fund to pay the monthly salary of Mrs. Annie M. Canton in the position of registrar and for such other incidental and necessary services for her to render for the Oklahoma Historical Society. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

The motion was made by Mrs. John R. Williams that the portrait of ex-Governor Haskell be moved from its present location in the Historical Building and placed in the art gallery of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

The President referred the matter to the Art Committee for such action as they deem necessary, which was agreed to.

The motion was made that the Board extend its congratulations to Mrs. Anna B. Korn for the honor recently bestowed on her in her election to honorary membership in the International Mark Twain Society for her contribution to literature. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

The following list of applicants for membership was presented:

ANNUAL: Helen Allison, Oklahoma City; Billy Ansley, Ardmore; Mrs. Grace Bowen, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Fanchon S. Carter, Oklahoma City; Louis Clay, Lookeba; Gladys Cooper, Oklahoma City; James R. Corbett, Oklahoma City; Nell Donnell Cronkhite, Oklahoma City; Mrs. H. J. Damm, Jefferson City, Missouri; Clarence E. Day, Tulsa; John F. Easley, Ardmore; W. N. Fenwick, St. Louis, Missouri; Susan Fields, Oklahoma City; Oscar D. Groom, Bristow; Walter L. Kimmel, Tulsa; R. R. Kinsey, Bromide; Marion Rogers Lynch, Muskogee; Agnes Jo Ann McKeown, Albuquerque, New Mexico; J. M. Maddox, Mountain View; Mrs. Edgar Moore, Spiro; Judge J. T. Parks, Tahlequah; Mrs. Lucille H. Pendell, Alexandria, Virginia; Mrs. Byrd Pruitt, Ardmore; Lloyd W. Roberts, Oklahoma City; Mrs. R. C. Schold, Waukomis; Mrs. Gladous Ringer Stricklen, Oklahoma City; Roy E. Trout, Guthrie; Frank J. Vann, Webbers Falls; Julia Vaughn, Tulsa; El. A. Walker, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Kate Galt Zaneis, Oklahoma City.

The motion was made that the applicants be elected and received as members of the Society in the class as indicated in the list. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Judge R. A. Hefner, Chairman of a committee appointed to investigate the request of Otis Leader for the return of some articles of World War I which he said he had lent to the Society, made the report that the records in the museum showed the "trench knife" had been accessioned under the name of Mr. Floyd Henthorn, of Oklahoma City, and the "helmet" under the name of L. M. Edwards of Enid. Mr. Henthorn made an oral statement to the Collector-Solicitor of the Museum that he had no claim on this "trench knife."

The motion was made that the Chairman of this committee get a written statement from Mr. Henthorn disclaiming any interest in and to the "trench knife" and when this statement is so signed and filed that the "trench knife" is to be returned to the party claiming same. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

The motion was made that the Chairman of this committee get a written statement from L. M. Edwards of Enid disclaiming any interest in and to the "helmet" and when this statement is so signed and filed

that the "helmet" be returned to Otis Leader, the party claiming same. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

On the motion of Mr. Jim Biggerstaff, seconded by Mrs. Anna B. Korn, the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society adopted a resolution, by unanimous vote, expressing regret at the untimely death May 4, 1945, of Mrs. Howard (Pearl) Searcy, State Regent of the D.A.R., of Waggoner, and an active life member of the Oklahoma Historical Society as follows:

Resolved: That the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society learns with deep regret of the sudden and untimely death on Friday, May 4, 1945, of Mrs. Howard (Pearl) Searcy, who was State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and an active life member of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

Resolved: That the Secretary be directed to furnish the members of the family of the deceased a copy of this resolution.

The Secretary presented the following list of accessions for the Museum: (1) old six shooter on 45 frame with holster, (2) an 1873 model winchester. These were given to the Historical Society in the will of Sam P. Ridings. (3) Indian beaded belt, the gift of Mrs. Sam H. Charles. (4) wedgewood plate, pewter goblet and religious cross, the gift of Lawrence Pranter.

Mr. J. B. Milam presented to the Society for the archives, a large scrap book with clippings and other items of interest pertaining to The Lake 'o the Cherokees (Grand River Dam).

The motion was made that these gifts be accepted with appreciation and thanks to the donors. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jim Biggerstaff made the motion that the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors for July 26, 1945, which is the Thursday immediately following the fourth Wednesday, be dispensed with in lieu of this meeting of June 25, 1945. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the motion was made that the meeting be adjourned subject to the call of the President. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

Robert L. Williams, President,
presiding.

Charles Evans, Secretary.