

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, APRIL 25, 1952, DURANT, OKLAHOMA

The Annual or Birthday Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society usually meets upon May 26 each year. The Executive Committee was authorized by the Directors to accept the invitation of the City of Durant to hold the annual meeting of the Society in the City of Durant. The Executive Committee selected April 25, 1952, as the date of this meeting, inasmuch as an historical tour of southeastern Oklahoma comprising three days, April 25, 26 and 27, would be centered around the meeting of the Board held under the rules and regulations of the Society.

On or about 9:30 p.m., April 25, 1952, after a splendid banquet had been served by the citizens of Durant in Hallie McKinney Hall, South-eastern State Teachers College, in honor of the Society, General William S. Key, President, called the Board to order and upon roll call, the following members answered "here": General William S. Key, Judge Redmond S. Cole, Judge Baxter Taylor, Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Mr. H. B. Bass, Mr. George L. Bowman, Dr. B. B. Chapman, Dr. E. E. Dale, (Judge Robert A. Hefner, having returned to Oklahoma City from Ardmore because of special business, was not present but was counted because of his contribution to the historical tour as far as Ardmore), Dr. I. N. McCash, Mr. R. G. Miller, Dr. T. T. Montgomery, Judge W. J. Peterson, Mr. Milf Phillips, Col. George Shirk, Judge Edgar S. Vaught, and Dr. Charles Evans, Secretary.

The President expressed deepest appreciation of the splendid attendance of the directors and said, as far as he knew, it was the largest number ever present at an annual meeting.

The following members presented letters explaining their absence: Mr. R. M. Mountcastle, Judge Thomas A. Edwards, Mrs. J. Garfield Buell, Mr. Thomas J. Harrison, Mrs. Anna Korn, Mr. N. G. Henthorne, Mr. Thomas G. Cook, Judge N. B. Johnson and Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour.

Mr. George L. Bowman made the motion that absentee members who had notified the Secretary be excused as having good and sufficient reasons for their absence. Judge W. J. Peterson seconded the motion which passed.

The Secretary presented the following list of applicants for membership:

LIFE: C. G. Baker, Oklahoma City; Logan Billingsley, New York; Mrs. Mildred S. Boyer, Oklahoma City; Mrs. John E. DuMars, Topeka, Kans.; M. J. Ewert, Pauls Valley; W. D. Finney, Fort Cobb; Earl Foster, Oklahoma City; Boris B. Gordon, Washington, D. C.; Jess M. Harris, Wilburton; L. L. Humphreys, Duncan; Earl Hancock Kelley, Oklahoma City; James C. Leake, Muskogee; J. W. Mack, Oklahoma City; Leo A. Mideke, Oklahoma City; F. Stratton Morey, Oklahoma City; George C. Naden, Oklahoma City; T. A. Nicholson, Oklahoma City; E. W. Perry, Oklahoma City; S. Morton Rutherford, Tulsa; Fred P. Schonwald, Oklahoma City; Samuel G. Sullivan, Durant; Britton Tabor, Checotah; Francis W. Thompson, Bacone; Grover C. Wheeler, Clinton; Orion M. Wilbanks, Holdenville; Mrs. Sue K. Williams, Pauls Valley.

**ANNUAL:** Ruth Adachi, Tulsa; Mrs. Laura B. Amis, Vicksburg, Miss.; Frank J. Brandenburg, Tulsa; Leslie H. Butts, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Elmer Capshaw, Norman; A. Langdon Card, West Orange, N. J.; Sister Mary Charles, Paola, Kans.; Horace B. Clay, Tulsa; J. T. Courts, Quinton; Mrs. Thirza E. Cox, Heavener; Paul V. Craft, Oklahoma City; John Wm. Craig, Jr., Guymon; Jess E. Dew, Tulsa; E. T. Dunlap, Wilburton; J. V. Frazier, Jr., Edmond; Harold P. Gibson, Elmore City; Mrs. J. P. Gibson, Elmore City; Inez Butts Glenn, Oklahoma City; Web. Glidewell, Helena; Carlton M. Greenman, Oklahoma City; C. S. Harrah, Oklahoma City; T. F. Harrison, Jr., Cushing; Perkins F. Hinson, Yale; H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City; Bert Hodges, Preston; Morton Harrison, Tulsa; Viola Jayne, Oklahoma City; L. Wayne Johnson, Stillwater; Lee M. Jones, Oklahoma City; Virgil M. Lewis, Tulsa; Garrett Logan, Tulsa; Mrs. Dallas T. Luttes, Ardmore; Mrs. L. S. McAlister, Muskogee; George R. McKinnis, Edmond; Leslie A. McRill, Oklahoma City; Justus R. Moll, Washington, D. C.; Tescue Jane Nichols, Oklahoma City; Albert C. Outler, Dallas, Texas; Ralph F. Paris<sup>us</sup>, Altus; Charles T. Phillips, Darrouzett, Texas; Carlton Poling, Oklahoma City; Robert T. Pollard, Oklahoma City; Mrs. T. D. Quaid, Enid; Mrs. L. M. Renz, Oklahoma City; Forrest F. Reed, Nashville, Tenn.; Hazel Rigsbee, Hobart; Elizabeth Ross, Park Hill; Julian J. Schaub, Guymon; Ernest J. Selby, Okmulgee; Robert M. Shultz, Oklahoma City; W. E. Sunday, Claremore; Mrs. J. E. Tligner, Hawarden, Iowa; P. B. Vandament, Yukon; Linus W. Walker, Tulsa; Mrs. Eugene Whittington, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Lowell M. Wickham, Oklahoma City; Guy F. Williams, Tulsa; J. R. Wilson, Oklahoma City; Charles L. Wood, Columbus, Miss.; Jim Wright, Oklahoma City; P. M. Wynn, Cache; Dean E. Foster, Tulsa.

The Secretary reported that the following gifts had been received:

Memorial coin made for the Missouri Centennial in 1921, presented by Mrs. J. B. A. Robertson; sample of wool tweed made by the Sequoyah Weavers, presented by Mrs. Rella Looney; 21 World War I posters presented by Ralph Hudson; Choctaw Hymn book presented by Dr. Emma Estill-Harbour; collection of pitchers presented by Mrs. W. P. Pringle and Harry A. Kyle; a piece of German script presented by Bill Ellis; photograph album of Dwight Mission pictures made in 1917, presented by the Board of National Missions; large colored picture of "Malmasion," home of Greenwood LeFlore, presented by John F. Sims; oil portrait of John Easley, presented by Ardmore friends; oil portrait of Perle Mesta, presented by the Oklahoma Memorial Association to Governor Johnston Murray who presented it to the Historical Society; oil photographs of Mae Audell Murray, outstanding 4H Club girl and Bill Carmichael, outstanding 4H Club boy of 1951, presented by Mr. Holler; colored photograph of Mrs. David Osborne Fisher, presented by Mrs. Agnes Fisher Colbert; miniature of Mrs. J. B. A. Robertson, presented by J. B. Butler; photostatic copies of 37 documents dating from 1803 to 1874 relative to the Shawnee, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw and Plains Indians, the gift of Dr. Grant Foreman; 27 printed documents filed before the Indian Claims Commission, the gift of Mr. Roy Thompson; printed document filed before the Indian Claims Commission, gift of Mr. Tom O'Connell.

Mr. George L. Bowman made a motion that the gifts be accepted and that a vote of thanks be sent to the donors. Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion, which passed.

The Secretary called attention to the need of repairing the murals in the hall on the fourth floor of the Historical Building. Mr. H. B. Bass made a motion that the matter of the repairing of said murals be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act. Judge Redmond S. Cole seconded the motion which passed.

Mrs. Jessie R. Moore, Treasurer, presented the financial report of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Dr. E. E. Dale seconded the motion which passed.

Judge W. J. Peterson made a motion that the expenses of Dr. Charles Evans, Secretary, Miss Muriel H. Wright, Associate Editor, Mrs. Rella Looney, Archivist, and Mrs. C. E. Cook, Curator, to this annual meeting, be paid out of the private funds. Mr. Milt Phillips seconded the motion which passed.

Mr. George L. Bowman made the motion that \$100.00 be allowed from the special Funds of the Society to be placed in the Petty Cash Fund. Col. George Shirk seconded the motion which passed.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Nealy Tilly, Custodian of the historical building had been called upon to keep the auditorium open each Thursday night for eight weeks during the Community Workshop Series sponsored by the Oklahoma City libraries and the Oklahoma Historical Society, and suggested that Mr. Tilly be paid \$25.00 for said extra services. Mr. George L. Bowman made the motion that the sum of \$25.00 be paid to Mr. Nealy Tilly for said services, out of the private funds. Judge Baxter Taylor seconded the motion which passed.

The Secretary reported the urgent need for a microphone in the auditorium of the historical building. Dr. E. E. Dale made the motion that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee with authority to act. Mr. Milt Phillips seconded the motion which passed.

Judge Baxter Taylor made the motion that the July meeting be omitted, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to act until the October meeting. Col. George Shirk seconded the motion which passed.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. R. M. Mountcastle in which he enclosed a bid of \$407.00 for reroofing the old Barracks Building at Fort Gibson. Judge Edgar S. Vaught made a motion that the Secretary be authorized to negotiate with the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board with a view to said Board taking the Barracks Building at Fort Gibson under its control. Dr. I. N. McCash seconded the motion which passed.

The Secretary reported that the Board of Affairs had offered to the Oklahoma Historical Society a replica of the archway which it had been planned at one time to place across Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City, in honor of the Oklahoma soldiers in World War I. Judge W. J. Peterson made a motion that a committee of three be appointed by the President to pass on whether this replica of this archway be accepted by the historical society. Judge Baxter Taylor seconded the motion which passed. The President appointed Mr. H. B. Bass, Col. George Shirk and Mr. Milt Phillips as members of said committee.

Mr. Milt Phillips made a motion that the Executive Committee be given authority to draw the budget of the Oklahoma Historical Society and to submit it to the Office of the Budget. Col. George Shirk seconded the motion which passed.

Mr. R. G. Miller suggested that the Board make a tour in the western part of the state, west of Highway 81, in the Fall. Judge Edgar S. Vaught made a motion that the Society hold its next tour in the western part of Oklahoma, west of Highway 81, at such time as will be most convenient. Mrs. Jessie R. Moore seconded the motion which passed.

Col. George Shirk called attention to the July 1951 meeting at which time the Board authorized the preparation of an historical calendar for all high schools of the state covering two hundred days, and made a motion that \$500.00 of the private funds be authorized for that project. Judge Edgar S. Vaught seconded the motion which passed.

Dr. B. B. Chapman made a motion that Mr. R. G. Miller be requested to write an article about the Historical Tour for the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*. Mr. Milt Phillips seconded the motion which passed.

Judge Redmond S. Cole made a motion that a vote of thanks be extended by the Board of Directors to the people of Durant and Southeastern State Teachers College for their hospitality. Mr. W. J. Peterson seconded the motion which passed.

Mr. Milt Phillips made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Dr. E. E. Dale seconded the motion which passed.

WILLIAM S. KEY, President.

CHARLES EVANS, Secretary.