

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1960

The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Historical Society, with President George H. Shirk presiding, met in the Board of Directors room at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 27, 1960. This was the regular quarterly meeting.

Roll call revealed that the following members were present: Henry B. Bass, Mrs. George L. Bowman, Judge Orel Busby, Dr. B. B. Chapman, Dr. E. E. Dale, Dr. Emma Estill Harbour, Judge R. A. Hefner, Dr. L. Wayne Johnson, Judge N. B. Johnson, J. Lloyd Jones, Joe W. McBride, R. G. Miller, Dr. James D. Morrison, R. M. Mountcastle, Fisher Muldrow, H. Milt Phillips, Miss Genevieve Seger, and George H. Shirk. Members absent were: Kelley Brown, Judge J. G. Clift, Joe W. Curtis, Exall English, Thomas J. Harrison, Mrs. Frank Korn, and Judge Baxter Taylor. It was moved by Mr. Mountcastle and seconded by Mr. Bass that all absent members so requesting be excused. The motion was adopted.

That the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with was moved by Judge Hefner. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Bowman and adopted when put.

It was announced by Mr. Fraker that eight new life members and seventy-seven new annual members had been added to the rolls during the past quarter. He also presented a list of gifts that had been made to the Society along with the names of the donors. Dr. Harbour moved that the proposed members be elected to membership and that the gifts be accepted. Miss Seger seconded the motion which was put and carried.

A mimeographed list of life members was given to each Board member and Mr. Fraker requested that each member make a careful check to see if they knew of any deceased persons whose names were on the list. He said that this information was needed in correcting the official list of life members and would help in making corrections in the mailing department.

The Administrative Secretary called attention to the Southern Historical Association meeting which was to be held in Tulsa on November 10, 11, and 12. He pointed out that this was the first time the Southern Historical Association had met in Oklahoma, and that it would probably be a great many years before it would meet here again. He suggested that Board members might avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing many splendid discussions on the history of the South during the time of the meeting in Tulsa.

President Shirk called on Mrs. Bowman for the quarterly Treasurer's report. She outlined the following information: Oklahoma Historical Society cash receipts and disbursements for this last quarter, July 1, to September 30, included cash on hand beginning of period \$50.00; cash in bank beginning of period \$279.92; cash in state depository end of period \$5,528.32; total all cash on hand end of period (July 31) \$5,585.24; receipts \$341.43, disbursements \$1,380.01; total all cash on hand July 31, 1960 \$4,819.66. Cash on hand beginning of period (August 1) \$50.00; cash in bank beginning of period

\$219.51; cash in state depository beginning of period \$4,550.15; total all cash beginning of period \$4,819.66; receipts \$883.57, disbursements \$847.46; total all cash August 31, \$4,855.77. Cash on hand beginning of period September 1, \$50.00; cash in bank beginning of period \$159.10; cash in state depository beginning of period \$4,646.67; total all cash beginning of period \$4,855.77; receipts \$942.00; disbursements \$1,243.73; total all cash September 30, 1960, \$4,554.04.

Mrs. Bowman further reported that on September 29 the Board of Trustees, Life Membership Endowment Fund Committee met and took several actions among which was making the City National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City the official depository of the endowment fund. It was provided that the Trustees determine that all checks drawn against the Endowment Fund require the signatures of the Treasurer and either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman. Action was also taken in making a deposit of \$480.00 in the fund. The Trustees directed the investment of \$400.00 from this amount in the Oklahoma City Federal Savings and Loan Association, such amount to draw an interest rate of 4% annually.

President Shirk called on Judge Hefner, Chairman of the Portrait Committee, for that committee's report. Upon the request of Judge Hefner, Mr. Fraker read the minutes of the last Portrait Committee meeting. Considerable discussion was had among the Board members concerning the various provisions of the report as presented by the Portrait Committee. Several suggested changes were made both by the Chairman and by various members of the Board. It was moved by Judge Hefner and seconded by Judge Johnson, that the report as amended be adopted. The motion was unanimously approved.

Judge Hefner commented that he thought some corrections should be made in the wording of the report and it was suggested that Mr. Fraker, or the committee, carefully check the wording.

Mr. Phillips moved that the adoption of the report also contain the proviso regarding rewording and that the amended and reworded report be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for final approval. Mr. Muldrow seconded the motion which was adopted. Mr. Mountcastle asked if this action superseded the previous motion. The Chair answered that it did not.

As Chairman of the Annual Tour Committee, Mr. R. G. Miller said that such tour was being planned so as to be coordinated with the work of the Oklahoma Civil War Centennial Commission. In carrying this out, he said plans were being made for the 1961 tour to visit a number of battle sites of the Civil War in Oklahoma. Plans were being made for the tourists to stay in the Western Hills Lodge during the two nights of the tour.

He further stated he was suggesting the dates of June 1, 2 and 3 for the tour. Mr. Bass moved and Miss Seger seconded that these dates be approved by the Board. The motion was put and carried.

Mr. Henry Bass, Chairman of the Oklahoma Civil War Centennial Commission, said that he was happy to report that the way the Commission was set up with himself as Chairman, Mr. Fraker as Secretary, and Mr. Shirk and Mr. Jones as members, the work of the Commission would be closely coordinated with the activities of the Oklahoma Historical Society. He expressed the hope that the annual tour brochures of the Society would be written up in such a manner that they would make a concise history of the Civil War in Oklahoma.

President Shirk commented that the Governor of Oklahoma in appointing the Civil War Commission showed that he considered such Commission and the Oklahoma Historical Society to be closely tied together in the effort of properly commemorating the Civil War in Oklahoma. He said that all of the material accumulated during the five years of the Commission's existence would be deposited with the Society.

In making his report on the work of the Microfilm Committee, Chairman Phillips stated that he expected to have the Board make a tour of the microfilm facilities at its next meeting. He said that he thought the Society would soon have one of the most modern microfilm set-ups in the Southwest and that he was most anxious for all members of the Board of Directors to see it in operation.

President Shirk said he had received a recommendation from the portrait committee that the name of Mr. Hal Muldrow, former member of the Board and prominent Oklahoma leader, be submitted for consideration and that the Muldrow family be invited to present the portrait of Mr. Muldrow to the Society gallery. Mr. Fisher Muldrow, son of the late Mr. Hal Muldrow, asked for permission to be excused during the discussion. His request being granted, he left the room. Immediately, Dr. Harbour moved that the President inform the portrait committee that Mr. Muldrow's portrait would be accepted. Judge Hefner seconded the motion, with the statement that he knew of no one who had done more for his state than had Mr. Muldrow. The motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Fisher Muldrow then rejoined the meeting.

It was pointed out by President Shirk that copies of the Executive Committee meetings held on July 27 and September 29, along with copies of the minutes of the Board of Trustees, Life Membership Endowment Fund meeting on September 29, had been mailed to all Board members. He also called attention to the fact that the Executive Committee had approved the hiring of Mrs. Manon Atkins in place of Mrs. Edith Mitchell, retired, as cataloguer in the library. Dr. Harbour moved and Mr. Bass seconded that the action of the Executive Committee in approving Mrs. Atkins for a place on the staff be approved. The motion was put and passed.

The motion was made by Mr. McBride that the minutes of the Board of Trustees, Life Membership Endowment Fund, be approved. Miss Seger seconded the motion which carried when put.

Mr. McBride then moved and Miss Seger seconded a motion that all actions of the Executive Committee at its two previous meetings be approved. This motion was unanimously adopted.

President Shirk announced the appointment of the following Legislative Committee: Mr. Joe McBride and Judge Orel Busby, co-chairmen; Judge J. G. Clift, member; Mr. Fisher Muldrow, member; and Mr. Elmer Fraker, secretary.

For a time members of the Board of Directors discussed the problem involved in the writing of any good text book on Oklahoma history. Dr. Dale pointed out many of the difficulties in writing a book that would suit everyone. He said that revising text books was a costly procedure, in which publishers were loath to participate. Mr. Jones expressed the opinion that Oklahoma history writing should be more interpretative, showing Oklahoma's place in world history.

Judge Johnson announced that within the near future a statue of Pontiac would be placed in the Indian Hall of Fame at Anadarko. He said that the Pontiac Division of the General Motors Corporation was financing the project. He further stated that it would be on display at Southern Illinois University for a time before being brought to Oklahoma. Judge Johnson said he greatly appreciated the support the Oklahoma Historical Society was giving to the annual Indian history seminar that was being held at Anadarko in connection with the Indian Exposition. He pointed out that Miss Muriel Wright, Editor of *The Chronicles*, is director of the Seminar and that Mr. McBride is one of the sponsors.

Attention was called by President Shirk to the fact that four members of the Board of Directors have authored recently published books of merit. These were Dr. Dale's "Frontier Ways"; Dr. Chapman's "Oklahoma City, from Public Land to Private Property"; Mr. Miller's "See and Know Oklahoma"; and Mr. Bass's "Methodism in Enid." Mr. Shirk said that he was requesting that the minutes show the Board noted with pleasure and commendation the excellent work that had been done by these four authors.

Mrs. Bowman moved and Mr. Phillips seconded a motion that Mrs. Edith Mitchell, now retired, and long time cataloguer in the library of the Oklahoma Historical Society, be presented an official Oklahoma Historical Society commendation certificate. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Judge Johnson moved that Mr. R. G. Miller be commended for his compilation of "See and Know Oklahoma." This motion was seconded by Miss Seger, put, and carried. Attention was called by President Shirk to Mr. Miller's having recently been given an Award by the American Association for State and Local History. He said that this Award was voted Mr. Miller by that Association in its recent annual meeting at Iowa City, Iowa. The Award commends Mr. Miller for his splendid contribution in presenting Oklahoma history through the column he edits in the "Oklahoma City Times," and through his sponsorship of the annual Oklahoma Historical Society tours. This is the first time any Oklahoman has received this Award.

President Shirk reminded the Board that this was the last meeting before the Legislature would convene. He suggested that the Board would be remiss if the Society went before the next Legislature without expressing definite immediate and long range plans. He said that Mr. Fraker had provided the Board with long range plans and that he had set forth his opinions as to what should be immediate objectives. It was moved by Judge Johnson that the plan submitted by Mr. Fraker be adopted as the long range program of the Society and that the "Four Year Plan" dated 15 October 1960 submitted by Mr. Shirk be adopted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harbour. The motion was then put and carried.

Dr. Morrison, Chairman of the Historic Sites Committee, said that work was progressing on the Old Chief's House near Swink. He estimated that the restoration work would be completed within the next thirty days.

It being determined there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

(Signed) *George H. Shirk, President*

(Signed) *Elmer L. Fraker, Administrative Secretary*

GIFTS PRESENTED During Quarter Ending October 27, 1960:

LIBRARY:

Observations of Oklahoma City, 1960—Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

"Biography of a Business"—United States Steel Corporation

"Fort Concho"—J. N. Gregory

Official Army Register, 1956

8 unbound copies of *Sturm's Oklahoma Magazine*

Donor: George H. Shirk, Oklahoma City

"The Killer of Belle Starr"—Kelsey Blanton

Donor: Kelsey Blanton, Arlington, Texas

Set of 4 maps from *Army Exploration in the American West, 1805-1865*—William H. Goetzmann

Donor: William H. Goetzmann, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Pioneer Heritage—Roy Hutton Ball

Donor: Roy Hutton Ball, Oklahoma City

Lincoln Day by Day: A Chronology 1809-1865

Donor: Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, Washington, D. C.

The Descendants of John Little of Botetourt and Rockbridge Counties, Virginia—Leonard Lytle.

Donor: Leonard Lytle, Detroit, Michigan

Group of Greer County deeds

Donor: Ralph Custer, Oklahoma City

"Missouri Centennial Exposition and State Fair 1821-1921"

Donor: The Ramfre Press, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

"In Oklahoma City This Week" O. E. A. Convention, February 9-10-11, 1928

Donor: Ed Overholser, Jr., Oklahoma City

John Martindell (or Martindale) Cordwainer of Philadelphia and Some of His Descendants

Donor: Mrs. M. B. Biggerstaff, Oklahoma City

Some of the Descendants of Johan Peter Kniskern—W. H. Kniskern

Donor: W. H. Kniskern, Petersburg, Virginia

1 roll Microfilm—1850 Census Population Schedule of Alleghany County, New York

Donor: Dr. R. G. Fowler, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

41 copies of *Foundation Magazine*

Donor: George and Hazel Hopkins, Oklahoma City

"Mark Twain Journal"

Donor: Cyril Clemens, Kirkwood, Missouri

"The Weeks Review" Apache, Caddo County newspaper, June 13, 1902

Donor: Mrs. George T. Norton, Cushing, Oklahoma

The Early Years of Muburn, A Chronicle, 1901-1920—Ed Gill

Donor: Ed Gill, Muskogee, Oklahoma

1 roll Microfilm—1860 Population Census of Illinois (De Kalb-Fulton Counties)

Donor: Mrs. John Witherspoon Ervin, Oklahoma City

7 Rotary Club of Oklahoma City Year Books

Transcript: 36th Annual Convention American Legion Department of Oklahoma August 7-8, 1954

Donor: Elmer L. Fraker, Oklahoma City

The Bloss Genealogy—Richard Bloss

Donor: Richard Bloss, Beaumont, Texas

The Financial Red Book of America, 1903

Donor: Mrs. Robert L. Atkins, Oklahoma City

"Arkansas Traveler in Europe" Fox Wood

Donor: Fox Wood, Oklahoma City

"Year Book 1960-1961 of Women's Culture Club of El Reno"

Donor: Mrs. M. F. Leeper, El Reno, Oklahoma

MUSEUM:

Pictures:

Framed picture of George Washington Carver

Donor: G. G. Hopkins, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rachel Ann Haynes

Donor: Anna Smith Stevens, Oklahoma City

Keokuk Falls, Oklahoma

Wm. Robinson and Wife

Last Town Council of Keokuk Falls, Oklahoma

Donor: Mrs. Maude Brant, Tecumseh, Oklahoma

First Printing Press in Guthrie

Donor: Earl Keys, Oklahoma City

Exhibits:

U. S. Flag—49 stars—purchased by Society

Cancellation Stamps:

Paro, Indian Territory, June 15, 1907

Holdenville, Oklahoma, 7:00 A.M., April 4, 1912

Holdenville, Oklahoma, 7:00 A.M., December 6, 1907

Holdenville, Indian Territory

Air Mail Stamp, National Air Mail Week, May 15-21, 1938

Donor: Mel Clow, Postmaster, Holdenville, Oklahoma

Cancellation Stamps:

Stillwater, Indian Territory

Windham, Oklahoma

Webb, Oklahoma

Greenland, Oklahoma

Donor: R. Ray Heath, Postmaster, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Documents:

Allotment Deed, Cherokee Nation, February 24, 1905 (Has Cherokee Seal)

Allotment Deed, Creek Nation, September 25, 1903 (Has Creek Seal)

Warranty Deed, Cherokee Nation, August 22, 1907

Certificate of Cecil Pitman, Creek by blood (Enrollment)

Donor: Dr. C. E. Cook, Jr., Muskogee, Oklahoma

Souvenir Button "I am for Arnett for County Seat"

Donor: Ross Kincade, Oklahoma City

- Coverlet, old hand made spread of blue and white wool
 Donor: Mrs. J. W. Flynn, Phoenix, Arizona
- Antique Sugar Bowl, Bracelet Pattern
 Donor: Mrs. Gerda E. Klucken, Arlington, Virginia
- Letter written by Congressman Will Rogers while in Washington
 Donor: Mrs. C. B. McMillan, Oklahoma City
- Coverlet, blue and white wool, handmade
- Embroidered quilt top
- Pillow shams
 Donor: Mrs. Alva J. Niles, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Two Coins, Good Luck Souvenir, struck by Oklahoma City Chamber
 of Commerce
 Donor: Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma City
- Medal—Semi-Centennial, reverse has State Seal
 Donor: Mrs. C. E. Cook, Oklahoma City
- Official Centennial Medals (8)
- Medals produced for Individuals (Semi-Centennial)
 Donor: L. J. Hargett, Okmulgee, Oklahoma
- Medal—Curt Brown Drilling Company
 Donor: Curt Brown Drilling Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Medal—Harnden Oil Reserves, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Medal—Herman H. Kaveler
 Donor: Herman H. Kaveler, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Kewanee Oil Company Medal
 Donor: Kewanee Oil Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Medal—National Bank of Commerce
 Donor: National Bank of Commerce, Pawhuska, Oklahoma
- Medal—Norbla Oil Company
 Donor: Norbla Oil Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Medal—A. G. Oliphant
 Donor: A. G. Oliphant, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Service Drilling Company Medal
 Donor: Service Drilling Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE QUARTER OCTOBER 27, 1960

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

F. A. Sewell, Jr.	Clinton, Oklahoma
Robert A. Leyden	McAlester, Oklahoma
T. Winston Eason	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Jean I. Everest	" " "
W. D. Grisso	" " "
R. J. Spradling	" " "
Mrs. P. W. Tibbs	" " "
Charles W. Westfall	" " "

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

John J. Fleet	Ada, Oklahoma
Mrs. Cecil Foster	" "
Boone Jones	" "
Inez Neal Richmond	" "
M. R. Wynn	" "
Gayle Gerard	Anadarko, Oklahoma
Mrs. C. A. Cole	Bethany, Oklahoma
John Shaw	Burbank, Oklahoma
Mrs. Henry F. Bass	Caddo, Oklahoma
Reece B. Ingle	Cherokee, Oklahoma
Helen Huffman	Chickasha, Oklahoma
Dr. L. E. Woods	" "
James Francis Epling	Claremore, Oklahoma
Jane Tanner	" "
Mrs. Allison C. Kistler	Clinton, Oklahoma
Mrs. Howard McCarley	Colbert, Oklahoma
Eileen Coffield	Drumright, Oklahoma
Charles C. Graham	Duncan, Oklahoma
Chris C. Humphrey	" "
Gordon Folsom	Durant, Oklahoma
Hollis Hampton	" "
A. W. Mason	" "
Mrs. John A. Phillips, Sr.	" "
Mildred L. Williams	" "
John R. Nichols	Edmond, Oklahoma
Dr. A. G. Weber	Goltry, Oklahoma
Betty L. Miller	Idabel, Oklahoma
Wynona S. Nelson	Jay, Oklahoma
R. T. Abercrombie	Kingfisher, Oklahoma
Mrs. E. U. Sloan	" "
Dr. A. R. Zellers	" "
Mrs. Ray M. Buck	Langley, Oklahoma
Virgil V. Smith	Midwest City, Oklahoma
Harrell C. Clay	Muskogee, Oklahoma
Bert R. Barefoot, Jr.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Don R. Barney	" " "
Jerry M. Bernstein	" " "
Dr. Clifford J. Blair	" " "
Dr. John A. Blaschke	" " "
Howard J. Bozarth	" " "
Dr. Alton C. Brown	" " "
Emma L. Clause	" " "
David P. Delorme	" " "
Mrs. R. F. Fleet	" " "
Dr. R. O. Goodwin	" " "

Mrs. J. W. Gregory, Jr.	"	"	"
W. T. Bill Hale	"	"	"
Maude Harless	"	"	"
L. D. Lacy	"	"	"
James M. Little	"	"	"
Lucile M. McCoy	"	"	"
Phillip E. Michel	"	"	"
Mabel Murray	"	"	"
Phillip J. Rhoads	"	"	"
Mrs. Freda Sauer	"	"	"
Frank R. Swan	"	"	"
C. Harold Thweath	"	"	"
Dr. Oscar White			
Mrs. John E. Gray	Okemah,	Oklahoma	
Mrs. A. B. Gilland	Perry,	Oklahoma	
Mrs. Gula Casto	Ponca City,	Oklahoma	
Mrs. R. B. Ady	Pryor,	Oklahoma	
Mrs. Flora Packard	Sand Springs,	Oklahoma	
O. O. Cheatham	Seminole,	Oklahoma	
Jack T. Alexander	Tulsa,	Oklahoma	
Mrs. Alva J. Niles	"	"	
C. P. Rosenberger	"	"	
Robert O. Slater			
J. J. Beaver	Waurika,	Oklahoma	
Mrs. George Hoyt	Taloga,	Oklahoma	
Olivia De Havilland	Paris,	France	
Mrs. Paul L. Ristroph	New Orleans,	La.	
Frank S. Cleckler	Morristown,	Tennessee	
O. A. Boatright	Mount Belvieu,	Texas	
Mitzi H. Clem	San Antonio,	Texas	
Kenneth F. Neighbours	Wichita Falls,	Texas	