

January 4, 2018  
Minutes of Wynnewood Historical Society (WHS)

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President Dederic Siler. Others in attendance: Denese Kimbro, Derrick Moore, Dr. Michael Lovegrove, and Luann Waters.

Luann presented financial report. Two receipts are still needed for Christmas decoration purchases.

Dederic presented the invoice for repairs for the bathroom of the shop.

Dederic told the group that Ashton had told him she will be moving from the beauty shop at the end of Jan. or Feb. 2018 depending on when her new location is ready. Discussion held regarding deposit.

Discussion was held on what to do with the space. We will advertise for rent as shop/retail space as soon as is vacated. Also discussed other possible uses.

Dederic and Derrick had discussed doing two fund raisers this year. Funds will be used for Wreaths Across America (WAA) purchases and also for the general fund of the Wynnewood Historical Society (WHS) for repairs and maintenance.

Denese made a motion to do the fundraiser on Friday, June 29, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a pulled pork sandwich booth. Derrick seconded. Passed. Denese will check with Mayor Tabitha Hayes on setting up and will ask Masons if they will match the funds raised.

Denese made a motion to also do a display for WAA to show folks how fund raising is progressing. Dr. Michael Lovegrove seconded. The design will be similar to the United Way "thermometer" design to indicate level of donations but with a wreath theme. This will be portable so it can be moved from location to location within the city to increase its visibility to the community. Passed.

Discussion was held of groups to contact in the community as possible contributors to the Wreaths Across America project.

**In 2017, there were 26 individuals or companies that contributed for the purchase of wreaths to be placed on veterans graves in Oaklawn Cemetery in Wynnewood. An additional 100 wreaths were donated by Wreaths Across America through a campaign they offered nation-wide.**

The total wreaths placed in 2017 was just over 250. There are at least 600 veteran graves in Oaklawn. The exact number is still being tabulated as not all veterans' graves have military markers or an indication of military service on their gravestone.

Dederic will check with Chris Murray, Cemetery Sexton of Oaklawn Cemetery, on what is needed to install flag holders at veterans graves. This will assist with identifying the graves for placement of flags on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. It will also make placement of flags possible when the soil is too dry to get the flagstuffs into the ground without breakage. Denese made a motion and Dederic seconded to make a donation towards the purchase of materials to make this possible. Passed.

Discussion was held on possible future programs to be held. One suggestion was the **Shawnee Arbuckle Trail**, a cattle drive trail that went through this area. Luann will contact area historical societies to see if they would like to partner on this.

Derrick asked about a budget being developed for this and other projects. Discussion was held.

It was proposed to amend the by-laws that: All non-emergency or regular utility expenses must be approved by the Executive Committee before any expenditures can be made. This will be voted on at the February 1, 2018 monthly meeting.

Dederic paid his dues and for 3 copies of the History of Wynnewood books.

Dr. Lovegrove made a motion to adjourn. Derrick seconded. Passed.

**The next meeting of the WHS will be Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018 at 5 p.m.**