

FINAL MINUTES  
OCONEE COUNTY ARTS & HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
May 26, 2016  
Oconee Heritage Center  
6:00 pm

**Members present were:** Mari Noorai, Barbara Waters, Meredith LaCour, Bette Borman, Henry Richardson, Shawn Johnson & Jeannie Dobson Barnwell

**Also present were:** Phil Shirley, PRT Director; Leslie White, OHC Director, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Borman and Mr. LaCour

**Call to Order**

Mari Noorai called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of March 10, 2016 were presented by Mari Noorai and accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

Current balance is \$298.80

**New Member**

The commission welcomed new member: Mr. Shawn Johnson Phone: 864-888-7435.

**Election of Officers**

Henry Richardson declined his appointment as Vice-Chair.

Jeannie Barnwell nominated Meredith Lyle. 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Richardson. She declined.

Nominations for vice-chair will be reconsidered at the next meeting.

**Discussion Items**

1. Historical Markers: It was noted to add the John a Wagener marker to the list and get on the tourism website. The language for the Beaverdam Baptist marker will be sent to Leslie White for proofing, then forwarded to SC Archives for review.
2. Arts & Historical Survey: Mari Noorai distributed copies of an Arts & Historical Survey. The commission discussed the efficacy of the one page form and offered additional ideas to Mari. Survey will be updated and forwarded to Mr. Shirley.
3. Fall Reception: **Motion** by Betty Borman, second by Jeannie Barnwell. Vote was Unanimous. Reception for organizations supporting the arts and historical preservation in Oconee County is planned for October 13 from 6:00 until 8:00 at South Cove.
4. Oconee Town: Luther Lyle requested a letter of support from the commission for his efforts to secure property currently owned by the Todd family. These 53.6 acres once belonged to the Cherokee and were known as Oconee Town. **Motion** by Henry Richardson, seconded by Bette Borman for Mari to complete a support letter. Vote was unanimous.
5. Budget: Henry Richardson noted that \$298.80 exists in our account. **Motion** by Henry Richardson, seconded by Barbara Waters to spend it on non-perishable supplies for Receptions. Vote was unanimous. Phil Shirley will assist in this effort.

Review of Commission's Status and Projects:

- After final reading by the Council, A & H C's budget is expected to be \$7500 for the fiscal year
- The commission plans to fund one historical marker per year
- Committee formed to plan the Reception: Mari, Jeannie, Shawn, Barbara and Leslie.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Betty Borman suggested that the commission institute an annual award for an outstanding citizen who promotes

The next meeting will take place at South Cove Park on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jeannie Dobson Barnwell