

Edom Historical Society and Museum Membership Minutes

July 27, 2025

Call to Order: The Edom Historical Society and Museum membership meeting was called to order by President James Wilhite at 2:01 PM at the Edom Museum. The following persons were present: President James Wilhite, Treasurer Barbara Crow, Board Member Gary Hays, Secretary Ann Nelson, Lee Shults, Carolyn West, Tim West, Craig Blackmon, David Crow

The Minutes, Financial Statement, Bylaws, and Agenda to be discussed were circulated prior to the meeting.

Minutes: Hays made a motion to approve the April 27, 2025 minutes, second by Crow. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Treasurer Crow gave an update on the Edom Historical Museum bank account and the Edom Historical Society bank account from May 2, 2025 – July 23, 2025. We paid two web file late fees of \$52 to the Texas SoS. Craig Blackmon volunteered to contact Texas SoS to see if the fees could be waived. Major expenses were for the purchase of insurance (\$1478.50) for the Museum and the printing of ten storyboards (\$1500). We received donations (\$2700) for the storyboards.

The Edom Historical Society Inc. bank balance is \$1422.37

The Edom Historical Museum bank balance is \$3737.22

Nelson made a motion to approve the financial report, Hays seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- **Insurance update:** Insurance has been purchased with a partial premium of \$928.50 paid, extra liability secured and paid for \$550, and a final payment due of \$783.50.
- **MOU:** Treasurer Crow discussed the deed restriction which limits the Museum to be used only as a museum. No MOU will be entered into with other parties for shared use of the Museum.
- **Bylaws:** Treasurer Crow gave any overview of the changes to the bylaws.
- **CD Purchase:** Treasurer Crow investigated options for investing unallocated fund. An interest-paying checking account would pay 0.9%, and a CD paying 4% required a minimum investment of \$10000 for 1 year. Neither option was considered worthwhile.
- **Grants:** In order to apply for grants a ready-to-go plan is needed. President Wilhite presented the following in terms of priority, estimated cost: 1) Level-up building/\$3000 labor plus replacement lumber, 2) Cover over and insulate the two windows covered by story boards, replace 3 aluminum windows/\$2500 3) Insulate attic 4) Redesign front stairs/ramp (ramp is not needed since there is a ramp on the side of the building), 5) shelving, 6) mini-split. Both Home Depot and Lowes-Lindale have had grant programs in the past. Angela Cade Hill will head up the committee to pursue grants.

New Business:

- **Storyboard Status:** Ten storyboards have been purchased and installed in the Museum at a cost of \$1500. We plan to purchase ten more plus six smaller ones to fit on the poles. In addition, we will have a Welcome Board display. The estimated cost for all additional purchases is \$2500.
- **Fundraising:** We will have an open house during the Edom Art Festival on October 11 and 12 with plans to serve lemonade, ice cream, and cookies.
- **Nominating Committee:** We need volunteers for a nominating committee for electing officers. Per the bylaws, the Board must appoint a nominating committee by Nov 1st of each year. Election of officers will occur at the January membership meeting.

- **Committee Chairs:** Anyone interested in becoming a committee chair is encouraged to volunteer. We need the help! In particular we would like help in creating a digital archive of photographs, including identifying people in the photographs, historical documents, and family histories.
- **Historical Markers:** We would like volunteers to help document the history of buildings in Edom. The history of each building could be displayed on a marker. This would not require the detailed research and expense of applying for an official Texas Historical Marker.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held Sunday, Aug 24th at 2 PM at the Museum. The next General Membership meeting will be Oct 26th at 2 PM at the Museum.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nelson, Secretary