

Edom Historical Society and Museum Membership Minutes

October 26, 2025

Call to Order: The Edom Historical Society and Museum Membership meeting was called to order by President James Wilhite at 2:08 PM at the Edom Museum.

Roll Call: The following were present: President James Wilhite, Vice President Angela Cade Hill, Treasurer Barbara Crow, Director Gary Hays, Secretary Ann Nelson. EHS Member Kevin Hill attended. Craig Blackmon, Lee Shults, David Crow, Melody Couvillion, Karen Wilgus attended as visitors. We had a quorum present.

Review and approve Agenda: The minutes, financial report, and agenda to be discussed were circulated prior to the meeting. Hill requested adding an agenda item to discuss recent Museum donations. **Hays motioned to approve the amended agenda, Crow seconded, motion approved.**

Minutes from Previous Board Meeting: Motion to accept the July 27, 2025 minutes, **Hill motioned, Wilgus seconded, motion approved.**

Financial Report: Treasurer Crow presented the YTD for the Edom Historical Society account with a balance of \$1895.06. Check #1497 for \$1180.00 has not cleared; Crow will investigate. The YTD for the Museum account shows a balance of \$2957.22. During the Edom Art Festival, the EHS collected \$410 in donations for lemonade and cookies; the Museum collected \$100. Motion to accept the financial report, **Nelson motioned, Hill seconded, motion approved.**

Old Business:

- **Storyboard Status:** Prior to the Edom Art Festival we received additional storyboards, at a cost of approximately \$2700, split into two payments. We are planning to purchase 6 more storyboards, triangular shaped, for display on the support pillars. Estimated cost is \$900. Once these 6 storyboards are delivered, Blackmon stated that the goals (Edom Mural, Edom Sculpture, Edom Museum renovation) of the Capital Campaign will be completed. The Capital Campaign and the GoFundMe account may be left active for a fourth project. The EHS requested that for a future project, at least one member of the EHS Board has access to the GoFundMe account status.
- **Grants/Donations:** In order to apply for grants or larger donations 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, 7) interior security camera, 8) address floor wedge by side door, 9) add an ADA accessible sign in front of side ramp. Both Home Depot and Lowes-Lindale have had grant programs in the past. Hill will head up the committee to pursue grants. It is strongly recommended that we all track our monthly volunteer hours, mileage, and expenditures to provide data when requesting a grant or large donation.
- **Fundraising:** The EHS received \$410 in donations during the Edom Art Festival. The Museum received a \$100 donation.
- **Nominating Committee:** Since no one volunteered for the nominating committee, the EHS Board appointed Hill, Crow, and Hays during the September 28, 2025 board meeting. 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. If anyone is interested in running for office, contact one of the members of the nominating committee.

- **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.

New Business:

- **Recent Donations:** Carol Riedel and Karen Wilgus donated art pieces to raise funds for the Edom Museum. Hill suggested that we start a silent auction for these items, plus the rocking horse donated by Glenda Brown. Once the EHS accepts a cash donation for an item, the EHS will provide a receipt with the EHS tax exempt information, the amount of the donation, and the estimated value of the item.
- **Fundraising:** We will have an open house during the Edom Christmas Tree Lighting event on December 6.
- **VZC Library Display Cabinet:** We accepted the offer from VZHCH to allow the Edom Museum use of the display cabinet for July, Aug, Sep of 2026. The display may be changed each month. Nelson will coordinate with Benja Mize. Volunteers from the Edom art community will be needed help with display layout.
- **Membership Dues:** The annual dues are \$75. In order to vote or run for office in the January Board Election, dues must be paid by Jan 25, 2026.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Sunday, January 25th at 2 PM at the Museum. This meeting will also include election of board members for 2026.

Adjourn: Nelson motioned to adjourn, Crow seconded, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nelson, Secretary