

Edom Historical Society and Museum Membership Minutes

April 27, 2025

Call to Order: The Edom Historical Society and Museum membership meeting was called to order by President James Wilhite at 2:00 PM at the Edom Museum. The following persons were present: President James Wilhite, Vice President Angela Cade Hill, Treasurer Barbara Crow, Board Member Gary Hays, Secretary Ann Nelson, Stephen Baskind, Denise Baskind, Herbert Wade Botts, Craig Blackmon, Jan Blackmon, Larry Murphy, Kevin Fly Hill, John Beall, Karen Wilgus, Lacey Crawford, James Buddy Hutchins, Linda Ayers, Bill Ayers, Kenneth Cade, David Crow

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

Minutes: Angela Cade Hill made a motion to approve the Jan 26, 2025 minutes, second by Barbara 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 Jan 1, 2025 – April 7, 2025

The Edom Historical Society Inc. bank balance is \$976.91

The Edom Historical Museum bank balance is \$3656.50.

Gary Hays made a motion to approve the financial report, Angela Cade Hill seconded. Motion approved.

Recap of Our Projects for 2025:

- **Finish Remodel Date:** The finish remodel date has been moved from May 1 to July 1. We hope to have a July 4 event to celebrate the reopening of the museum. The remodeling has slowed while content for the display boards is created, pictures are chosen, and funding is gathered.
- **Insurance:** Our current quote is \$3300. We have met the inspection requirements of fire extinguishers, lighted exit signs, two ways to exit the building, electrical on functioning circuit breakers and functioning smoke alarms.
- **Museum Open Days & Time:** We hope to have the Edom Museum open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 AM to 3 PM. We would like to have the museum staffed while it is open, at least part-time.
- **Expand Community Involvement:** Much progress has been made, thanks to the community, with a new museum roof, fixing of leaks, clean-up, and a more curated form for the museum. We would like to install informational/narrative boards on the walls, add pictures, and to display museum items. Each board is estimated to cost about \$300, and we would appreciate any sponsorships for these boards.
- **Capital Campaign Committee:** Coordinate with the Capital Campaign Committee for funds to complete the remodel and funding of the museum. The Capital Campaign Committee is working on ways to raise more money through donations and activities. The Committee is looking at several options and will continue to work on this.

Old Business:

- **Insurance update:** Within the last year, the quote for insurance has increased from \$2200 to \$3300. We are hoping to find a better price. Gary Hayes is currently getting additional quotes. The board has already agreed that we must have insurance and is now simply trying to get it at the best possible price. The board was surprised by the quoted increase. In perspective from 1994 till 2005 the average cost of insurance was \$300 annually. We will have insurance in place before we reopen the museum.
- **Utilities:** The average utility bill is \$41.98. From 1994 to 2005 the average bill was \$12.47. We expect insurance and utility bills to continue to increase. We cannot remain open under our old dues structure for the Historical Society.

- **MOU:** Barbara Crow discussed the deed restriction which limits the Museum to be used only as a museum. Barbara Crow made a motion to table the approval of the MOU until language clarifying the purpose of the Museum is modified. Angela Cade Hill seconded. Motion approved.

New Business:

- **Amending bylaws:** A thirty (30) day notice was given that proposed changes to the bylaws will be discussed, followed by a vote on the changes at the next board meeting. Once the amended bylaws are approved a copy will be file with the State of Texas. The proposed amendments were discussed at today's meeting.
- **Committee Chairs:** Anyone interested in becoming a committee chair is encouraged to volunteer. We need the help!
- **Upcoming Events:** We plan to reopen the Museum by July 1 and host an ice cream social on July 4th to celebrate.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held Sunday, June 1st at 2 PM at the Museum. The next General Membership meeting will be July 27th at 2 PM at the Museum.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Angela Cade Hill, second by Ann Nelson. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nelson, Secretary