

Minutes from March 3, 1999 Board Meeting

Teleconference Meeting held at Gil Alexander's house.

Teleconferenced members were: Veryl Switzer, Earlice Rupp, Twilla Wilson, Ester Clark and Tommy Wellington, Johnny Powell and Tresa Switzer. Absent from the teleconferencing was Vickie who was working and could not break for the call.

Members present at Gil's House: Gil, Charlesetta Bates, Angela Bates, and Kim Thomas.

The meeting and teleconferencing started at 8:00 PM. A general welcome to the new board members was given. (New members accepting positions: Johnny, Tresa, Tommy, Ester, Kim, and Twilla. A brief description of the structure, functions and divisions of the Society was provided by Angela. Due to the number of items on the agenda and cost of the phone conferencing Veryl suggested that the general and overall basic information be provided to the new board members in a packet. The Board structure, positions and members were discussed. It was suggested by Veryl that the executive board - President, Secretary and Treasure be positions that should be filled by board members in the state and preferably within the county to operate more efficiently. Tresa suggested we hire an executive director to perform daily and routine functions. Everyone was informed that Kim had been hired to be the new executive director and to perform those functions. Everyone was asked to review the by-laws and make suggested changes to them to reflect what the new board structure should look like and any other changes that might be necessary, and be prepared to discuss them at the next board meeting. Angela agreed to get copies of the by-laws to everyone for review.

The transfer of ownership back to the Ada Bates Family Trust was discussed. A check for \$243. for taxes that the Society had paid to the county since the receipt of the property, was received from Bernard Bates in exchange for the property. The 1998 tax bill of roughly \$98.00 is still an outstanding issues that needs to be addressed.

A discussion of the physical needs at the offices/museum followed. Gil agreed to get estimates on siding, windows and water/plumbing. A discussion around generating funds to cover such expenses was brought up by Earlice and suggestions were made by Tresa that we consider obtaining grant monies and Johnine suggested a legacy letter. Angela stated that we were in good standings with the bank and could also secure funds from them or donations for materials and labor is also an option. It was decided that we would work hard to make some improvements by homecoming.

Angela gave the status of several photo use projects two books by Missing Pages Publishing - and "Frontier Women" by University of Indiana Press. Angela