

**Farmersville Main Street Board**  
**Meeting Minutes 02/23/10**  
**5:00 p.m., Best Center**

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Jim Dawkins at 5:05 p.m. Present were Main Street Manager, Adah Leah Wolf, Jim Dawkins, Randal Shinn, Carol Tapp, Marianne Politz.

**Minutes from 01/05/10** Randal Shinn made a motion that the January minutes be accepted as printed; Marianne Politz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Financial Statements from January:** Printed report for January was submitted by Main Street Manager, Adah Leah Wolf. Discussion focused on Farmers and Fleas and the recent cold weather. Motion was made by Carol Tapp to accept report as printed; seconded by Randal Shinn. The motion passed.

**Report from Main Street Manager:** Written report submitted by Main Street Manager. Adah Leah recently attended Main Street Manager Training in Waxahachie. Reported on the impressive historical preservation and how Waxahachie has turned preservation into an economic tool. A suggestion was made to consider a Board field trip to see the progress there.

There may be an opportunity to host a meeting of the Historical Commission in Farmersville. Jim was asked to discuss possibility with Loydell Seward, Collin County Historical Commission Chairman.

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Farmersville Times is in March. Chad Engbrock, Editor, is planning an Open House to celebrate.

Audie Murphy Committee is meeting regularly in preparation for Audie Murphy Day, June 19. Marianne Politz is a committee member and reported that the Committee is working on changes to improve the schedule. Also efforts are being made to include more veterans. A veteran memorial exhibit is being planned for in addition to the veteran's reception which takes place at the First Baptist Church.

Geocache group will be in town for March Farmers and Fleas. They will have dinner at Daddy'Os . Anyone wanting to contribute to the packets please submit to Adah Leah.

Doug Laube and Roy Blevins have building improvements planned. Construction will start soon.

Libby Buuck & Guy Giersch are working on the application process to include Farmersville in the National Historic District ledger. Public meeting will be planned.

The Sanborn Presentation given by Adah Leah at the last FDMA meeting was well received. Sanborn Maps from 1921 and 1927 have been enlarged and are available for review in Adah Leah's office.

Farmersville Historical Society Luncheon is on Saturday. March 27<sup>th</sup> is the Farmersville Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

FDMA planning for 2010 continues. The group visited the new space at 113 McKinney Street and discussed possible lease options. The group continues to encourage business owners to attend City Council Meetings.

**Window Signs project update:** Committee has met and a letter has gone out to building and business owners requesting information. Politz suggested photos from recent history (1970's-1980's) also be included.

**Discuss Main Street Workplan:**

The Economic Restructuring portion of the workplan was discussed:

1. Omit Low Interest bank Loan program due to economy
2. Continue small business seminars. Main Street to ask Chamber and banks to partner with next seminar.
3. Continue to get out the word on downtown space available. Randal Shinn sent out 400 flyers about properties available to merchants in McKinney, Waxahachie, and Plano three weeks ago. As of this date, there have been no responses received.
4. Pursue brown historic signage for highways. Randal to contact TXDot to get details.
5. Recommend McKinney Street be removed from state highway status; possible coordination with 4A on this.
6. Coordinate with Old Time Saturday Committee to see if events can return to the Square.

**Future Agenda Items:** update on Parks Board activities by Politz, report from City Manager on items affecting Main Street, future business practices seminar.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Randal Shinn and seconded by Marianne Politz. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.