

Texas Folklore Society

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Paisanos:

This has been a busy year—even more so than usual. Planning the meeting, working out new deals for our books, keeping busy with school and committees, and buying a new house (and moving into it) have kept me on the go. Still, it's been a good year so far, and things seem to be settling down. I could hardly believe it was time for the June Newsletter, which contains an overview of the Minutes from the last meeting, the annual Financial Report, news and recognition of our members, another CALL FOR PAPERS, and the SECOND NOTICE for annual *Dues*.

TFS Essentials

Janet Simonds helped me take care of Local Arrangements for this year's meeting, which was held in Abilene. I thank President **Lucy Fischer West** for lending a hand, and Vice-President **Mary Margaret Campbell** for selecting such excellent papers for the program. 171 people registered and attended the meeting (filling 66 hotel rooms), and 149 were at the banquet. 65 people went to Frontier Texas, which I personally thought was pretty impressive. After a few technical difficulties, we heard a local musician, Lawton Pybus, perform at the banquet on Friday night. Of course, we also had an induction ceremony for our newest Fellow, **Kenneth W. Davis**.

The web site has pictures from the meeting; I took some, but I thank **Lori Najvar**, **Vicky Rose**, and **Charles Rodenberger** for taking the others. If you have meeting photos, please send them to **Janet** for our archives. Check out the web site for all the other new stuff, including links to other sites, and contact **Janet** if you have comments or suggestions.

NOTICE: This is a second notice for 2010 dues. The first one went out in the January Newsletter, and only 70% of last year's members have paid so far—that's fewer than the number who had paid at this time last year.

*****This second notice is only for those who have not yet paid their dues.***** **Janet** will remove inactive members if dues are not received by the end of August, so don't delay! You'll find a dues form enclosed only if your dues are not current.

Paid members will receive a copy of Keagan LeJeune's "*Always for the Underdog*": *Leather Britches Smith and the Grabow War*, TFS Extra Book #23, when it comes out this fall.

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TFS Folks

Watch for **Thad Sitton**'s new book, *Gray Ghosts and Red Rangers: American Hilltop Fox Chasing*, also coming out this fall from the University of Texas Press.

We lost a few members since we last met, including **John O. West**. We've received \$395 in his memory, and if you'd like to send additional contributions you can. We also lost **B. W. Aston**, **Mary Ingram**, and **Paul Yeager**.

TFS Events

Rollo Newsome wrangled some new members, **Amy Cochran** and **Steve Davis**, into helping him host the 2011 meeting in San Marcos. I'm sure they'd like to hear from anyone who lives close by and is willing to help with Local Arrangements. We need offers for 2012 and beyond, so let me know if you're interested in hosting a meeting and we can get a proposal before the Board. We would like to have meetings planned at least a few years in advance, if possible.

CALL FOR BOOK PAPERS: I'm still willing to accept submissions for the 2011 book, which will focus on hunting and fishing lore. However, you've got to send them now—in electronic format via email is best, but I'll still take them in hard copy through the U.S. postal system. In other book news, *Charreada* (PTFS #59) has completely sold out, so **Ron Chrisman** has arranged to have it reprinted in paperback; it should be available next spring.

CALL FOR MEETING PAPERS: Send paper ideas for the 2011 meeting to Program Chair **Elizabeth Duncan** as soon as possible, with an absolute deadline of November 1st. Her contact information is: 1801 Erwin Place, McKinney, TX 75069, elizabethanduncan@yahoo.com, 972-542-5089. She prefers to receive full papers instead of just proposals.

Fran Vick provided us with the enclosed letter asking for donations to help preserve the Dobie Ranch house. Contact **Fran** or the folks at the Texas Institute of Letters if you have questions or would like to contribute.

Kay Arnold will be heading up the TFS booth at the Texas Book Festival, which takes place October 16-17 this year. We've yielded good results each time we've been there, and volunteers are needed to help with the event. Let **Kay** know if you're interested: kayla@stedwards.edu or karnold78@yahoo.com.

Herb Arbuckle and **Jean Schnitz** will once again be taking part in the Texas Heritage Music Day on September 24th, and **Kathleen Hudson** is calling for any other volunteers who want to get involved. TFS folks will headline a panel on "Songs of Texas" from 4-6 p.m. in the historical Union Church on the Schreiner University campus in Kerrville. We sent a recent email that included a news release on this event and **Kathleen**'s contact information; give her a call if you want to join in the fun.

TFS Business

The 94th Meeting of the Texas Folklore Society met in Abilene at the Hilton Garden Inn April 1-3, 2010, with **Lucy Fischer West** presiding. The Board discussed ways to increase membership, the Texas Book Festival, our investments, making our books available in digital format on the Internet, and a proposal for a joint symposium with the East Texas Historical Association. All proposals, meeting minutes, financial reports, and nominations were voted on by the Board and general membership, and all were approved.

Janet Simonds, our Office Secretary and Treasurer, presented the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, along with the Financial Report:

Net Assests as of January 1, 2009	\$229,680.04
Revenue	
Dues Regular	\$19,434.30
Lifetime	\$0.00
Royalties	\$4,583.27
Permission to Reprint	\$15.00
Memorial Gifts	\$1,125.00
Other Gifts/Contributions	\$45.00
Student Stipend Contributions	\$800.00
Interest	\$9,060.45
Dividends from Money Market	\$95.69
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$35,158.71</u>
Expenditures	
Publications	
2008 book <i>Death Lore</i> (final costs)	\$11,326.00
2009 book <i>Celebrating 100 Years</i> (preliminary costs)	\$27.17
Nacogodoches Meeting	\$3,534.59
Abilene Meeting	\$450.00
Student Stipends	\$1,000.00
Outreach (festivals, fairs, etc.)	\$400.00
Office	\$2,699.11
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$19,436.87</u>
Net Increase in Assets	\$3,520.20
<u>NET ASSESTS AS OF 12/31/07</u>	<u>\$233,200.24</u>

One other idea that was discussed was the continuation of Gift Memberships; we've had eight more of those just this year. We're always interested in ideas for other ways to attract members, so share them if you have them. The new brochures have been very popular so far, and we'll be glad to send you some if you're making some kind of presentation where you can promote the Society. Just let us know how many you need.

Patrick Hughes, Linda Wolfe, and Kenneth Davis served as this year's Nominating Committee, making these recommendations for the 2010-2011 Board:

President: **Mary Margaret Campbell**; Vice-President: **Elizabeth Duncan**;
 Secretary-Editor: **Kenneth L. Untiedt**; Treasurer: **Janet Simonds**;
 Counselor: **Tom Crum**;
 Directors: **Linda Wolff ('11)**, **Bruce Glasrud ('11)**, **Peggy Redshaw ('12)**, **Carol Hanson ('13)**, and **Meredith Abarca ('13)**;
 Councilors: **Charles Williams ('11)**, **Greg Smith ('11)**, **Scott Bumgardner ('12)**, **Tom Chesnut ('13)**, and **Debra Cox ('13)**;
 Ex Officio: **Lucy Fischer West, Ron Chrisman, Fran Vick, and F. E. Abernethy.**

Tom Crum presented the following resolution, which was accepted:

WHEREAS, the 94th Annual Meeting of the Texas Folklore Society, held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Abilene, Texas, April 1 through April 3, 2010, has been a memorable and successful gathering of its members, and has provided them with many interesting and entertaining sessions;

AND WHEREAS, many hours of planning and work by Society members, the chairpersons and presenters at each session, and the staff of the Hilton Garden Inn have contributed to the success of this meeting;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the members in attendance at this the 94th Annual Meeting of the Texas Folklore Society express their appreciation to the following:

Janet Simonds and Ken Untiedt for the local arrangements; Mary Margaret Campbell, Program Chairman, and her committee members; Lucy Fischer West, President of the Society; Hester Woods-Nixon, of the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau; Jerry Hunt, Registration; Elaine Davenport for recording the presentations; all members that chaired a session and those that presented papers; and, the staff of the Hilton Garden Inn, especially Lynn Haven, Brin Reed, and Kathleen Medinas.

APPROVED AND SO RESOLVED this 3rd day of April, 2010.

We sold more of 100th Anniversary coffee cups and other paraphernalia at the meeting, but we have more mouse pads, pens, and note pads; just holler and tell us what you'd like.

I look forward to seeing you all next Easter weekend in San Marcos.

