

**Sweeny Historical Society Meeting  
Minutes  
My Cousin's Restaurant  
Feb. 12, 2004**

Present: Ray Bailey, Rhonda Kennedy, Olga Schulte, Evelyn Thompson, Eutabelle Albritton, Samantha Pettigrew, Don Schulte, Eric Kennedy, Donna Bailey, Darla Williams, Claudia Garza, Thomas Lemon.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Purpose of this meeting: Reactivate the Sweeny Historical Society in support of the Rotary Centennial Depot Project which includes a museum facility for the Historical Society to display and help manage articles of historic significance for Sweeny and the surrounding area. The project will also include meeting facilities and a Chamber of Commerce office.

The Historic Society has been inactive since October of 1998, with funds actively maintained at First State Bank - Sweeny Branch and Prosperity Bank.

The last elected officers were: Ray Bailey, president  
Oscar Sanchez, Vice president  
Charlotte Vautrain, secretary  
Claudia Garza, treasurer  
Parliamentarian, Bill Bender  
Finance, Margaret Yocum  
Communications, Joe Lingo

Ray opened the meeting.

In Charlotte's absence, Donna was asked to record minutes.

Claudia gave the financial report: \$6,800 in a 6 month CD at Prosperity Bank, renewable again in June, and \$2,800 in a regular checking account at First State Bank.

Opening remarks by Ray Bailey-

There were many reasons why the participation in the Historical Society waned to the point of going inactive in 1998. These reasons ranged from political, expense, outside influences, and the lack of ownership within our community. This is the right time to renew our commitment in providing Sweeny a place to display the rich heritage that it has. By inclusion in the Rotary Centennial Depot Project, the Historical Society will have the means to do that. (Open discussion followed on reasons for inactivity)

New Business-

Ray asked Rhonda and Eric Kennedy to give a report on the new Rotary Centennial building project.

Some points:

The building is a centennial project of the local Rotary, sponsored by Rotary International.

- Railroad depot replica, approx. 135' X 45', at the south end of Main
- Rotary has accepted generous donations to cover the slab and building
- They are working with the Texas Railroad Commission on lease of the land at the site of old depot
- The applications for grants to finish the inside, and furnish the building are ongoing.
- The steel building has been purchased with funds raised, and will be delivered in about 3 wks
- Advisory Council to be established as liaison for building administration, tentatively composed of 2-Rotary, 2 Chamber, 1 City, 1 Historical, 1 Citizen Members.

Some of the Historical Society's obligations will be:

- Establish and maintain exhibits of historical significance
- Establish a volunteer schedule for keeping "open to the public" the facility in coordination with the Chamber Office
- Provide funds for assisting with operational cost through fund raising activities
- Assist the "Advisory Council" in maintaining the facility

There was concern about the status of our State of Texas Incorporation as a -Non-profit organization. Ray and Claudia are of the opinion that everything is still properly filed, as they've kept in touch about it each year. The "501. (c)(3)" status of the Historical Society will assist in the procurement of grants for building furnishings.

There was a motion made by Eutabelle, seconded by Donna, and approved by vote to purchase a display case for \$75 at MJL that a local citizen is selling. It is in very good condition and a very good price. Claudia was asked to take care of that.

Ray set the next meeting as the Annual Meeting for Monday, March 22 at Civic Club on Elm St. at 7pm. One main item for March meeting will be election of officers. Nomination forms will be sent out to the membership as of October, 1998. The nomination forms will include a short questionnaire to the membership.

Motion was made by Don, seconded by Eric to adjourn at 7:53.

**Sweeny Historical Society**  
**March 22, 2004**  
**Minutes**

The Sweeny Historical Society met at the Civic Club building at 7pm to hold the second reorganizational meeting. There were 14 present: Ray Bailey, Donna Bailey, Claudia Garza, Vesta Henderson, Les F. Pettigrew, Eric Kennedy, Rhonda Kennedy, Olga Schulte, Don Schulte, Joe Lingo, Jr., Edna Earle Pettigrew, Tim Pettigrew, Minnie Lincecum, and Eutabelle Albritton.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

Claudia gave the Treasurer's report: CD=\$6,875.98

Regular Checking=	\$2,790.98	– old balance
Expenses	<u>75.00</u>	– display case
	\$2,715.98	– new balance

Ray said he has expenses to be reimbursed in the form of postage for notices of the first meeting last month and the mail out of requested bylaws. He will submit a bill next month. Joe Lingo motioned to accept report, Donna seconded, approved.

Old business –

The main purpose of this meeting is to elect officers; however, to answer questions pertaining to the "new building and land acquisition", Ray asked for a report from Rhonda and Eric Kennedy who are the leaders of this Rotary Centennial Project. Rhonda said the lease has been approved and their committee chairman is working out the details with lawyers. Mayor Piper is very optimistic that it will be worked out and the lease will be signed soon. So, Rhonda and Eric, as Rotary representatives, want to know if the Sweeny Historical Society wants to join the effort by agreeing to set up a "management team"? This would mainly include things like acquiring artifacts, having the museum open and staffed by trained volunteers, and other related duties. After much discussion of details such as size of the building, cost to us, etc., it was unanimously voted that we do participate and continue organizing to that end. (The dimension of the building is 135' x 45' which includes 3 rooms: Chamber of Commerce, museum, and meeting room.)(There will be no taxes due to non-profit status and the C.of C. will take care of utilities)

Nominations were opened. Tim Pettigrew was nominated for President by Eutabelle and seconded by Joe. There being no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation. Don Schulte was nominated for Vice President by Ray, seconded by Vesta. There being no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation. Olga Schulte was nominated for Secretary by Vesta, seconded by Edna Earle. There being no further nominations, she was elected by acclamation. Joe Lingo, Jr. was nominated for Treasurer by Edna Earle, seconded by Claudia. There being no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation.

Eutabelle Albritton was nominated for Parliamentarian by Donna, seconded by Olga. There being no further nominations, she was elected by acclamation. Ray Bailey was nominated for Communication Chairman by Les, seconded by Joe. There being no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation. And, finally, Edna Earle Pettigrew and Minnie Lincecum were nominated for Finance Co-chairmen by Olga, seconded by Claudia. There being no further nominations, they were elected by acclamation.

Tim took over as President. He made some suggestions of things he'd like to see:  
-meetings to be regular date, time, place to encourage regular attendance  
-meetings to be orderly with no talking unless recognized and have the floor  
-everyone seeking and reporting on local artifacts, but do not collect until we have our building and develop acquisition forms  
-a bylaws review committee real soon with priority on revamping membership fees

He asked if there is anything of immediate importance from members present.

(1) Rhonda suggested getting to the bank ASAP to change the officers on their records, eliminating the responsible parties on record, changing to our newly elected money officers: Joe Lingo, Jr., Edna Earle Pettigrew, and Minnie Lincecum, and requiring 2 of 3 signatures on check transactions. Donna, as interim secretary, was asked to get a copy of these minutes to these three officers ASAP so they can do this.

(2) Les made a motion to officially adopt supporting the Rotary Centennial Building Project as our immediate priority because it will provide us a "home" for our museum. Eric seconded, it passed unanimously.

(3) Don expressed concern about a past document that linked or obligated us as the local city museum group with the County Museum. He was reading from a document entitled "An Agreement" which was NOT signed; but wondering how binding or valid it is. Claudia remembered a document which stated "that if nothing was accomplished within two years the Eades Building would revert back. This would be null and void now because the Eades Building has been demolished. Tim will get with a lawyer friend to help him check all the documents he has.

Tim announced the next meeting will be Monday, April 19 at his house at 7pm.  
The 3rd Monday of each month will be our regular meeting at Tim's...  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

*Donna Bailey*  
*interim secretary*

## Sweeny Museum Reorganizes

5, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2004

### Sweeny historical museum reorganizes

The planners of the Sweeny Historical Museum held a reorganization meeting Monday night.

A slate of officers was elected as follows: Tim Pettigrew, president; Don Schulte, vice-president; Joe Lingo, treasurer; Olga Schulte, secretary; Edna Earle Pettigrew and Minnie Lincecum, financial co-chairmen; and Ray Bailey, communications chairman.

Past efforts to create a Sweeny Historical Museum became stalled when no suitable location was found, but the proposed Rotary Centennial Building, which is being planned for downtown Sweeny, will include space for a museum.

The group has several artifacts collected already, and more have been promised, said Donna Bailey.

"This is something we have been trying to see come about since 1992," Bailey said.

One of the major efforts of the Museum board over the next few months will be to

develop and train a staff of volunteers to work in the Museum once it comes to fruition.

The group plans to meet the third Monday of each month.

For information on how to become involved with the effort, call Olga Schulte at 548-2891, Edna Earle Pettigrew at 548-5555 or Donna Bailey at 548-3660.



The Sweeny Historical Society met Monday, April 19, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Civic Club Building.

Attending were; Les Pettigrew, Eric Kennedy, Rhonda Kennedy, Thomas Lemons, Joe Lingo, Vesta Henderson, Frances Anderson, Edna E. Pettigrew, Evelyn Thompson, Olga & Don Schulte, Tim Pettigrew, Claudia Garza, Donna Bailey & Eutabelle Albritton.

The meeting was called to order by president elect Tim Pettigrew.

The first order of business was the installation of the new officers by Edna Earle Pettigrew.

Tim Pettigrew . . . President  
Don Schulte . . . Vice-President  
Olga Schulte . . . Secretary  
Joe Lingo . . . Treasurer  
Eutabelle Albritton. Parliamentarian  
Finance . . . Edna Earle Pettigrew & Minnie Lincecum  
Communications. . . Ray Bailey

minutes of the March 22nd meeting was read and approved.

President, Tim Pettigrew brought the fact that everyone did not have a copy of the Constitution & By-laws, he recommended that we wait until the May meeting to review.

A committee of; Vesta Henderson, Joe Lingo, Les Pettigrew, Eric Kennedy & Thomas Lemons was appointed by the president to revise the Constitution & By-laws and bring a report to the May meeting.

President Tim stated that the Brazoria County Museum had a written agreement signed 12-11-95 and was terminated on 7-23-2002. This was due to the question raised if we still had a tie with them.

A general discussion for the membership dues was discussed and will be brought for approval at the May meeting.

Membership for individual(single)	25.00 a year.
" " couples	35.00 " "
" " Businesses	100.00 " "
" " Corporations	500.00 " "
" " Life time membership	250.00

Up-date on the progress of the property for the new building was given by Eric Kennedy. The Railroad has agreeded to a 20 year lease at no charge. The paper work will be turned over to the City Attorney for review.

With no other business to discuss Tim Pettigrew made a motion to adjour and seconded by Eric Kennedy.

Respectly submitted,

*Olga*  
Olga Schulte, secretary



The regular Sweeny Historial Society met Monday, May 17, 2004.  
The meeting was called to order by V-President Don Schulte, in the absence  
of Pres. Tim Pettigrew.

Copies of the April meeting was passed out for approval. After all had  
read the minutes they stood approved.

Attending Were:

Don Schulte  
Olga Schulte  
Frances Anderson  
Eutabelle Albritton  
Thomas Lemons  
Edna Earle Pettigrew  
Claudia Graza  
Evelyn Thompson  
Donna Bailey

No treasurers report due to absence of Joe Lingo, Treasurer.

Old Business:

The Constitution-By Law Committe had not met, copies of the Con. By-Laws  
were handed out to each member attending. Don recommended we wait until the  
committee met for changes then bring this to the June meeting. This was put  
in a form of motion by Edna Earle Pettigrew and seconded by Donna Bailey.

Eric Kennedy was not in attendance for a report on the building progress.

The membership dues will also be brought up after the constitution/by-  
Law Committe has a chance to review.

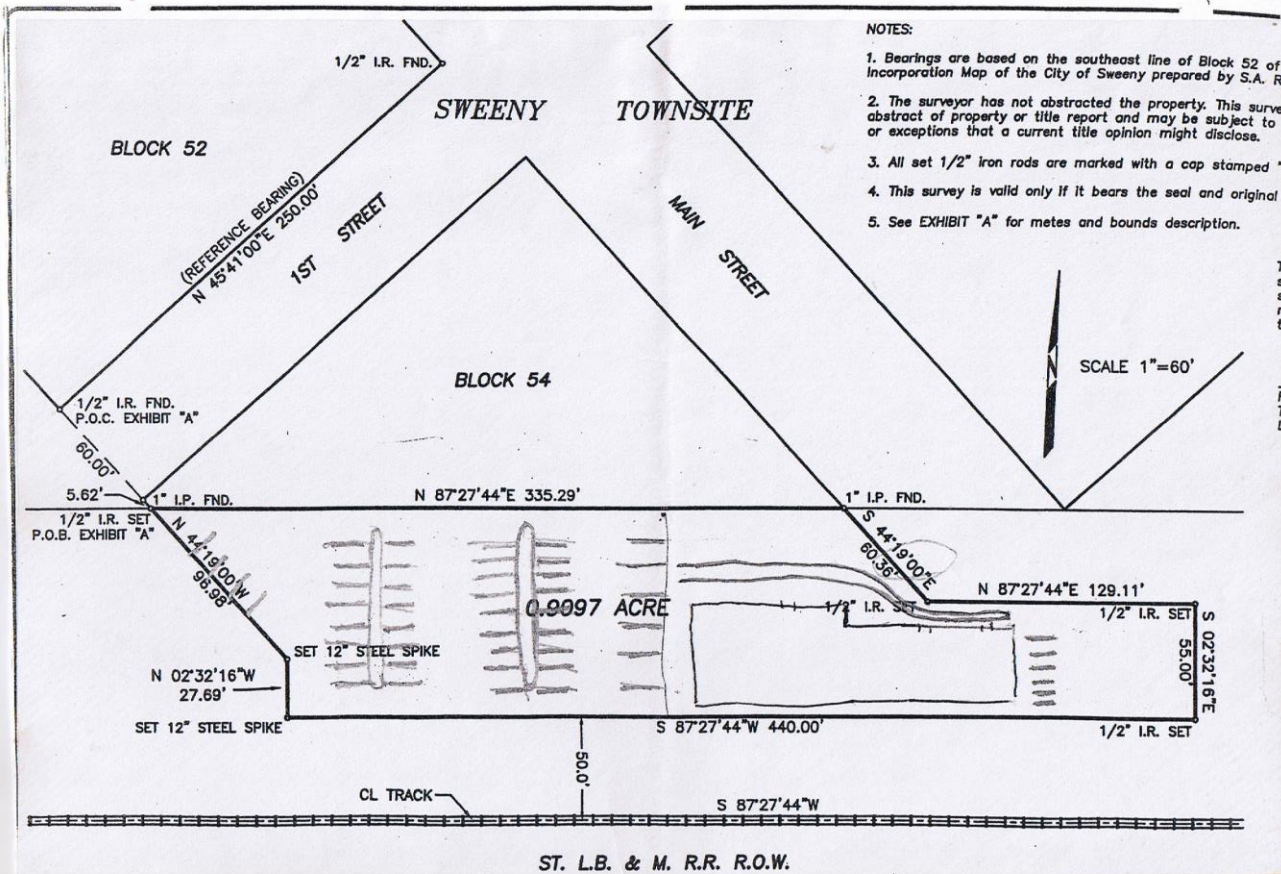
Donna Bailey volunteered to be responsible to call all the members about  
up coming meetings.

The question was asked if the Historioal Society needed a Post Office Box,  
Claudie Garza reported we already had a box.... Box # 505 & Joe Lingo had the  
key.

Motion to adjourn after no more business was made by Don Schulte & seconded  
by Thomas Lemons.

Respectfully Submitted,

Olga Schulte, Secretary







The Sweeny Historical Society Met for their regular meeting on June 21, 2004 at the Civic Club Building. The meeting was called to order by President Tim Pettigrew.

Copies of the May meeting were passed out for approval. After all had read the minutes they stood approved.

Attending were:

Tim Pettigrew  
Don Schulte  
Olga Schulte  
Thomas Lemons  
Evelyn Thompson

Minnie Lincecum  
Edna Earle Pettigrew  
Eric Kennedy  
Darla Williams  
Visitors: Margaret Yocum & Linda Sanchez

Tim Pettigrew announced we need to get moving on:  
Constitution and ByLaws

Tim will call a meeting with the committee: Vesta Henderson, Les Pettigrew, Eric Kennedy & Thomas Lemons to get this for the next meeting.

No Treasurers report, due to the absence of Joe Lingo.

Eric Kennedy gave a report on the building: The paper work should be signed by the City in next few days, then we would be on go.

A 501-C 3 is being refiled by Tim Pettigrew due to fact we can not locate the one we thought we had. The grant we filed with Dow for \$25,000.00 may be coming in mid August.

Minnie Lincecum reported, she & Edna Earle Pettigrew are looking into some fund raisers...

The Dinner Theater we had in 1998 brought in approximately 1,892.78 profit.

A committee of: Olga Schulte, Darla Williams, Edna Earle Pettigrew & Evelyn Thompson was set up to see about how we can display, what to display & visit Museums and bring a report to the July meeting.


Tim Pettigrew brought up the question as to what eras we wanted to display, decades, how long a period etc.. Example a corner for Phillips, School Dist. McNeil Plantation, Levi Jordan Plantation, Artifacts, Medicine era, Rail Road and getting the Gazabo from a location on County Road 334.

Eric Kennedy said he had an extra room we could use for storage.

Tim, also said he had a good friend that could do our special lighting.

With no further discussions, Thomas Lemons made a motion to adjourn & Minnie Lincecum seconded..

Respectly submitted,

  
Olga Schulte, Secretary

## Answering a challenge



### Sweeny Rotary breaks ground for new home

A challenge to make a difference was answered last Thursday as members of Sweeny Rotary Club officially broke ground on the new Rotary Centennial Depot building, located adjacent to the railroad tracks near A.M. "Chick" Anderson gazebo park.

Sweeny Rotary Club, outgoing President, Eric Kennedy addressed the crowd saying "this is not just a Rotary project, it's a community project."

It was Kennedy's idea to answer Rotary International's challenge to come up with a project honoring the organization's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The challenge was issued to all clubs. Projects were to begin in June 2003 and be completed by June 2005.

"I wanted a project that would benefit everybody," said Kennedy. Constructing see page 13



**GROUND BREAKING FOR CENTENNIAL DEPOT**—Dignitaries, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Sweeny Historical Society and business leaders hold ceremonious shovels as they break ground on the new Sweeny Rotary Club Centennial Depot project, (shown above). Photo at top: balloons are released following ceremony.

## Rotary Club from page one

a new building that would serve as a meeting place for Rotary and other service clubs; house the Chamber of Commerce; and provide space for a Sweeny museum was Kennedy's idea of serving more than just one group of people. His wife, Rhonda, then President of the Sweeny Chamber of Commerce, delighted in the idea.

"This is a special honor for me to do this," Eric continued. "I had this idea about a year ago before I took office as Rotary President. The idea is soon to be a reality and I know the community is looking forward to its completion."

"We've had a historical society that has struggled for so many years, and now we can provide a place for them," said Rhonda.

To raise funds for the building project, Rotary Club members raffled a Harley Davidson motorcycle last year.

Other donations included a sizeable one from Conoco Phillips for \$60,000.

First Choice Power recently announced it will provide a \$5,000 Hometown Challenge Grant for the project.

Several dignitaries, Rotary District Governor, and politicians were recognized in the crowd Thursday. State Rep. Dennis Bonnen attended the ceremony, as did Rotary International's Incoming District Governor, Lisa Simmons.

Kennedy thanked Jim Hensley for doing much of the preliminary dirt work. Construction on the building is expected to begin soon.

## Reorganized Historical Society meets in Sweeny

The next meeting of the Sweeny Historical Society is Mon., Aug. 16, 7 p.m. at the Civic Club Bldg. on Elm St. The public is invited.

The group originally organized in 1992 and established the Sweeny Historical Society. Over the years, the committee has tried to acquire information and researched old plantations.

The society remained active until 1998 and collected information but did not have a place to store it. The society held many fundraisers such as Dinner Theaters, Tasting Dinners, the Tour of Homes and helped cosponsor "Victorian Christmas".

With the building of the new Chamber of Commerce Building and Museum, the prospect of displaying the artifacts is exciting.

As a newly formed organization, the society is asking anyone who is interested in preserving Sweeny history to attend meetings and join the society. Dues are \$10 per person until the end of December.

The society's goals are to collect information and artifacts about the oil industry in Sweeny, plantations, schools, hospitals, medicine, railroad, black, native American and Hispanic history, prominent families, agriculture, religion and the development of Sweeny.

Newly elected officers are Tim Pettigrew, president, Don Shulte, vice president, Olga Shulte, secretary, Joe Lingo, treasurer, Eutabelle Albritton, parliamentarian, Edna Earle and Minnie Lincecum, finance / fundraising and Ray Bailey, communications.



The Sweeny Historial Society met for their regular meeting on Mon. August 16, 2004 at the Civic Club Building.

Attending were:

Don & Olga Schulte  
Frances Anderson  
Charlene Finley  
Evelyn Thompson

Tim Pettigrew  
Claudia Garza  
Eric & Rhonda Kennedy  
Michael Bailey, guest speaker

The meeting was called to order by president Tim Pettigrew. The minutes from the previous meeting was passed out and stood approved as presented. Tim introduced Michael Bailey, from the Brazoria County Historical Museum.

Mr. Bailey passed out lots of good information that will help us get started, and also talked to us about the following:

How to collect items.

Work shops

Copies of their by-laws

Museum Incorp.

Loan request forms (if someone wants to borrow something from you, you have to have insurance before you can borrow anything.

Deed of Gift Forms

SOME SUGGESTIONS:

If someone wants to donate an item you have to fill out a Potential Acquisition (collection Policy) and have the board approve the item.

You should never make a promise to display an artifact forever or permanent, no long terms.

Rotate merchandise

If you don't need or have a duplicate of an item, ask the family if they want it back...if not find another museum to take it.

Don't take anything on loan, so no one will come back in 15-20 years and say it was just loaned to you. ( use proper form) before accepting it...

Don't use pictures on display of anyone because they can sue you, unless you have the proper permission ( be aware of someone just dropping off things to you.)

Have an audit committee every year to audit your books.

Volunteers should join the Texas Association Museums, South Texas Museums....

Web page T.A.M.

Historial Commission - they help to get grants # 512-463-6094

(Need to have all your paper work together before colling)

KEEP track of hours spent at meeting & working at the museum, this will count toward matching grants.

Old newspapers should be photo for preservation.

Tim made a motion to move the meeting date to the 4th Mon. of each month, seconded by Eric Kennedy, beginning with the September meeting. approved.

Motion to adjour by Eric Kennedy, seconded by Tim Pettegrew. Meeting adjourned by 8:30.

Respectively Submitted,

*Olga Schulte*  
Olga Schulte, Secretary



The Sweeny Historical Society Met for their regular meeting on Mon. Sept. 27, 2004.

Those Attending were:

Eric Kennedy	Don & Olga Schulte
Eutabelle Albritton	Thomas Lemons
Evelyn Thompson	Edna Earle Pettigrew
Donna Bailey	Charlene Finley
Tim Pettigrew	Les Pettigrew
Claudia Garza	Melanie Gentiles, guest

The meeting was called to order by Tim Pettigrew. The minutes were passed out to each member and stood as presented.

Tin updated on the information Michael Bailey shared with us in the previous meeting. Talked about gifts, loans & collection and we need to get our form ready for these items.

Donna Bailey made a suggestion that we let Tim Pettigrew join the Texas Association of Museums.

Donna Bailey made a motion to do our museum in the time line, seconded by Eutabelle Albritton. Suggested we put a map of Sweeny on the back wall showing the locations of the river, explanation of schools, churches, cemetery & businesses etc...

The next two meetings we will have some workshops...

Up date on the building by Eric Kennedy:

In the process of having some drawing made  
Engineering drawing was \$53,000.00. so with further talk with Tim Moss, we will get other drawings.

Finance Committe suggested we sell brick to go around the flag pole.

Small brick...\$50.00.. Large brick \$100.00. Names will be place on the brick in memory or in honor of that person.

Les Pettigrew suggested a Gala to make money. Oncorp. social hour, exhibits & a meal.

Motion was made by Don Schulte to adjour and scounded by Thomas Lemons.

Respectually submitted,

Olga Schulte, Sec.



Historical Society met, Mon. Oct. 25, 2004 in the home of Don & Olga Schulte with 12 present.

Eutabelle Albritton  
Tim Pettigrew  
Edna Earle Pettigrew  
Donna Bailey  
Margaret Yocum

Charlene Finley  
Thomas Lemons  
Frances Anderson  
Don & Olga Schulte  
Joe Lingo

President, Tim called the meeting to order and reported on building. Drawings are coming from school. No information if drawings have been done or if drawings meet needs of city.

Fund raising was discussed. Cannot accept money until we receive our 501-3 C. The IRS is checking into this.

President also reported checking into display cases. Cases are expensive but again we must wait for 501 3 C.

Member of the Texas Museum now.

Thomas Lemon reported contacting churches. Need tapes when talking to members.

Ft. Bend County Museum has offered assistance.

Check motion of time & date

Treasurers report: Balance 2,845.92

A Frontal Collection Committee: Donna Bailey, Margaret Yocum & Frances Anderson.

Jackie with Angleton Museum to be with us at next meeting.

President to talk to Kim about meeting in Chamber of Commerce Building for our meetings. Donna Bailey suggested City Hall.

Don Schulte made a motion to accept minutes of last meeting, Thomas Lemon seconded motion carried.

Eutabelle Albritton made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 seconded by Joe Lingo.

Submitted by: *Olga*

Olga Schulte,  
Secretary.



November 22, 2004

The Sweeny Historical Society met for their regular meeting on Monday, November 22, 2004 at the Sweeny Chamber of Commerce.

Those attending were;

Joe Lingo	Margaret Yokum	Angelina (visitor)
Eutabelle Albritton	Evelyn Thompson	
Tim Pettigrew	Donna Bailey	
Don & Olga Schulte	Claudia Garza	

Tim Pettigrew called the meeting to order...reported about the building, no progress.

There will be a meeting at the City Hall for discussion on the progress of the building on Tuesday night, everyone was encouraged to attend.

The turn around was an issue....

Ft. Bend Association will help us get started.

It was brought up that we need contents insurance, Eric Kennedy will check on the cost and bring a report.

Joe Lingo gave a treasures report:

\$2,862.25 in checking

6,952.00 in a CD

The minutes were approved as presented: Motion by Donna Bailey to accept and Margaret Yokum seconded.

A motion by Don Schulte not to have a December meeting because of the holidays and resume in January, seconded by Tim Pettigrew.

A motion to adjour, with no further business, by Joe Lingo & seconded by Don Schulte.

Submitted by;

Olga Schulte, Secretary



The Sweeny Historical Society met for its regular meeting on January 24, 2005, at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Those in attendance were:

Don Schulte	Frances Anderson	Evelyn Thompson
Olga Schulte	Rees Sweeny, guest	Joe Lingo
Margaret Yocum	Claudia Garza	

The meeting was called to order by vice-president, Don Schulte, in the absence of President Tim Pettigrew.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Joe Lingo, Treasurer reported the figures have not changed since November.

Joe Lingo was to pick up a box of Historical Society material from Kay Ellis.

It was brought up we need to get a fund raiser ready so when we get our tax number we will be ready to go.

We need to get back on bye-laws and get a report from the committee.

Rees Sweeny, guest brought book from The Old Plantations & Their Owners of Brazoria County. Olga Schulte took the book to see if we could have some printed and sell. She was to check with Marilon at MJL Office Supply in Sweeny and bring a report at the next meeting. The book was from The Union Bank, Houston, Texas 1926.

With no more business the meeting adjourned, motion by Joe Lingo, seconded by Don Schulte.

Submitted by Secretary,

Olga Schulte





The Sweeny Historical Society met for its regular meeting on Aug. 22, 2005.

Those attending were Don Schulte, Olga Schulte, Donna Bailey, Joe Lingo, Claudia Garza, Margaret Yoakum & Evelyn Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Don Schulte.

Joe Lingo Said the Treasures report was the same as Feb.

There was no new reports on the Rotary Building.

New Business, Don asked about the Bye-Laws, Constitution...need to meet. ~~met~~ Joe Lingo said he will see is something can be done. Those on the committes, Les Pettigrew, Thomas Lemons, Eric Kennedy & Joe Lingo.

We need to bring pictures of what we want to go in the book, Marlyn is going to print for us..


Don Schulte made a recommendation we leave the dues at \$10.00 a year, seconded by Donna Bailey. Motion passed.

Don Schulte suggested we need more pøople, possibility a new slate of officers...please seek out new members.

Donna Bailey made a motion that we go to quartly meeting, and meet the first Monday of that month, Joe Lingo seconded, motion passed. Making the next meeting to be November 7, 2005, at 7:00 at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by Don and seconded by Donna Bailey.

Submitted by:

  
Olga Schulte, Secretary



The Sweeny Historical Society met for their regular meeting on Nov. 7, 2005.

Attending were: Don & Olga Schulte, Joe Lingo, Evelyn Thompson, Margaret Yocum, Donna Bailey & Tim Pettigrew.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim at 7:15. Treasurers Report was given by Joe Lingo.

\$2,700.97 in checking account. \$6,990.49 in Prosperity Bank.

Report on Rotary Building:

Coral samples has to be done. Eric Kennedy will meet with architect in the morning. Nov 8, 05, to get the drawings complete.

Questions on pictures, that is to be placed in the museum.

Suggestions: Maybe get copies of the pictures & all check to see which ones we want to use.

We need to be sure we fill out the loan or donation sheets.

We need to think about a place to start putting things in. (a storage bldg.)

Tim will talk to the Brooks about one of their rooms for storage.

Tim has a friend, Mickey, that will do a Texas Emblem on the floor for us.

We will need special lighting in the building.

Tim, brought up that Mona ( Police officer in Town) along with Hazel Jefferies has cleaned the stones at the cemetary, and suggested we give the two ladies a certificate of appreciation from the Historical Society & have their pictures in the paper, as we present this to them. This would give us additional publicity. Will discuss at the next meeting. Olga Schulte made a motion that we present the two ladies with the Certificate of Appreciation, seconded by Evelyn Thompson, motion carried.

Phillips will match whatever the cemetary would give to hire someone to straighten the head stones. Cemetary will give \$20,000.00 & Phillips will match the amount to make monuments for the missing ones. Whats left over Tim is going to suggest they give the balance to the Historical Society.

Our next meeting is planned for February, 2006.

A motion to adjourn by Tim, seconded by Joe Lingo.

Submitted by,

Olga Schulte, Secretary



The Sweeny Historical Society met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at the Chamber of Commerce building.

Those present were: Tim Pettigrew, Don & Olga Schulte, Charlene Finley, Evelyn Thompson, Margaret Yocum, Thomas Lemons & Claudia Garza.

The meeting was called to order by president, Tim Pettigrew.

The first order of business was the election of new officers for 2006-2008.

Those elected were:

President - Reese Sweeny  
Vice President - Tim Pettigrew  
Secretary - Edna Earle Pettigrew  
Treasurer - Don Schulte  
Assistant Treasurer - Marilyn (Missy) Long  
Communications  
or Telephone - Margaret Yocum

Don Schulte stated we need a letter for the bank on the officer change.

Tim stated our 501-C is pending, therefore we can start fund raisers and collecting dues.

Suggestions for fund raisers were:

Tasting Party, Dinner Theatre, Drive-thru Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, Book from Reese Sweeny, which we have been waiting on our 501-C form.

March 4th is Brazoria Heritage Day in Brazoria and we were asked to have a booth, which Thomas Lemons, Charlene Finley, Claudia Garza, Margaret Yocum, Don & Olga Schulte will try to help out.


The Historical Commission, State of Texas, will put a Historical Marker placed for free and also place a cement edge around the graves. Plans to get bids from Baker and Viola to do the work. Plans are to do the Sweeny Cemetery and the McGreu cemetery. The head stones will be leveled if possible.

The only report on the building was: Waiting on ADA to approve ramps and larger bath rooms for handicap people.

The next meeting will be the 4th Monday night of March.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Pettigrew and seconded by Thomas Lemons.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Olga Schulte, Secretary

MARCH 27, 2006

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The Sweeny historical Society met in the Chamber of Commerce Building for its regular meeting with nine members present. Those attending were: Don & Olga Schulte, Reese Sweeny, Evelyn Thompson, Charlene Finley, Claudia Garza, Margaret Yocum, Les and Edna Earle Pettigrew

Don Schulte called meeting to order, introduced the new officers and turned the meeting over to the new president Reese Sweeny.

Old Business:

Don Schulte gave the following financial report of January 13, 2006:

Checking Balance on hand	\$2,794.25
C.D. Prosperity Bank, Sweeny Texas	\$7,101.26

The following people worked in the Sweeny Historical Society Booth at the Brazoria Heritage Day in Brazoria on March 4, 2006. Olga Schulte, Joe Lingo, Thomas Lemons, Les Pettigrew, Evelyn Thompson, Charlene Finley, Claudia Garza, Darla Williams and Tim Pettigrew. The project was very successful.

New Business:

Les Pettigrew gave a report on the Rotary Building. Les, Don and Olga met with Rotary and received the following information. All plans for the building are completed and approved except for a few, due to free labor. Construction of the building should start in a few months.

A request for 2 members of the Historical Society to sit on a 9 member board of the Rotary Centennial Building Depot was made. Board to make rules and regulations. Don Schulte suggested Les Pettigrew to serve and Reese Sweeny volunteered to serve on the board.

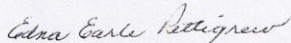
After some discussion on the Historical Society being responsible for electric lights in the museum section, Margaret Yocum suggested we start fund raisers while waiting for the completion of the 5013 form. No action. Concerning a steak dinner fund raiser, Olga Schulte volunteered to give report at next meeting.

Margaret Yocum made motion to have a booth on Pride Day, May 6, 2006. Les second motion, motion carried.

After some discussion it was agreed to leave the dues cost at \$10.00 per person. The next meeting will be April 24, 2006.

Don Schulte made motion to adjourn and was seconded by Evelyn Thompson.

Respectfully submitted



Edna Earle Pettigrew, Secretary

JUNE 26, 2006

THE SWEENEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MET IN THE SWEENEY CHAMBER OFFICE ON JUNE 26, 2006 FOR A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

ATTENDING WERE THE FOLLOWING NINE MEMBERS. REESE SWEENEY, OLGA AN DON SCHULTE, MARGARET YOAKUM, FRANCES ANDERSON, EVELYN THOMPSON, EDNA EARLE PETTIGREW, CHARLENE FINLEY AND CLAUDIA GAZA.

PRESIDENT SWEENEY CALLED MEETING TO ORDER PROMPTLY AT 6:30 PM

MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2006 WERE READ AND APPROVED. DON SCHULTE MADE MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES, OLGA SCHULTE SECOND, CARRIED.

DON SCHULTE, TREASURER, GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT.

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$2,809.25
C. D. ACCOUNT	\$7,101.26

DON REPORTED WE CAN GET 5% INTEREST IF WE LEAVE THE C.D. IN UNTIL MATURITY IN 18 MONTHS. 4.5% IF WE LEAVE IT IN 12 MONTHS. DON WILL CHECK ON THIS MATTER. DON ALSO REPORTED \$100.00 HAS BEEN MADE ON THE SALE OF BOOKS, "OLD PLANTATIONS AND THEIR OWNERS". PRESIDENT STATED THIS IS A VERY GOOD START. DON ALSO REPORTED THE P.O. BOX WAS CHANGED TO \$40.00 YEARLY. NUMBER IS 211. EDNA EARLE MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT, FRANCES ANDERSON SECOND. CARRIED.

DUES WERE DISCUSSED AND EIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT PAID THEIR YEARLY \$10.00 DUES.

OLGA SCHULTE GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT CONCERNING THE STEAK FUNDRAISER. DUE TO THE SWEENEY UNITED HAVING A STEAK FUNDRAISER IN THE SAME MONTH, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006, OLGA WILL MAKE A CHANGE ON DATE AND WILL CALL A MEETING TO CONTINUE PLANS.

OLGA SCHULTE ALSO REPORTED ON THE OLD FASHION 4TH CELEBRATION. IT WAS DECIDED TO WEAR RED, WHITE AND BLUE INSTEAD OF OLD FASHION CLOTHES DUE TO THE HEAT. THE SOCIETY WILL SELL COOKIES AT 5 CENTS EACH. FLYER WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING OUR SOCIETY AND BOOK SALE WILL BE DISPLAYED ON TABLE IN THE PARK. VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE SOME COOKIES WERE: EVELYN THOMPSON, REESE SWEENEY, FRANCES ANDERSON, TIM PETTIGREW, E.E. PETTIGREW, AND CLAUDIA GAZA. WE'RE TO BE AT CHICK ANDERSON PARK BY 9:30 AM

NEW BUSINESS:

REESE SWEENEY REPORTED A SWEENEY FAMILY REUNION TO BE IN SWEENEY, TEXAS. WE DISCUSSED WHAT THE SOCIETY COULD DO TO HELP WITH THIS REUNION. NO ACTION. REESE SWEENEY TO GIVE REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

OLGA SCHULTE MADE MOTION O ADJOURN AT 7:20. EVELYN THOMPSON SECOND MOTION, MOTION CARRIED

*Edna Earle Pettigrew*  
*Secretary*