

Little House of Peace

Free Library Newsletter #2



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Dear friends and neighbors,

There is an important addition to the “Methodist Encampment” section of the Little House of Peace Free Library **NOTEBOOK**, which is a cause for celebration: It now contains the narrative and a timeline from the official application for a Texas Historical Commission Subject Marker for our neighborhood! The full application was submitted on September 1st by Mark and Linda Stone through the Kerr County Historical Commission. It consists of an enormous notebook of documentation, all of which has been put on a flash drive, which is to be found in a pocket, also in the Methodist Encampment section of the Notebook. You are welcome to borrow the flash drive and download anything on it you wish, but please do bring it back promptly! It’s marked with a very noticeable “**ME**” on both sides to hopefully prevent its getting mixed up with a flash drive you may have that looks the same. There is a Table of Contents to the flash drive in the Notebook, to give you an idea what’s on there. If you would like to view the very impressive hard copy, contact Linda Stone.

It normally takes six months to a year for the Texas Historical Commission to evaluate and decide whether to accept the application for a historical marker. Then will come a period of negotiation back and forth about its precise wording before the text for the marker goes to the foundry. So it will be quite some time yet before the historical marker will become a permanent feature of Methodist Encampment—assuming we are accepted!--somewhere near the corner of McAllen and Methodist Encampment Road. In the meantime, the application contains a great deal of interesting information about our neighborhood. So stop by the Little Free Library and check it out!

Another major milestone is that we are in the process of creating a **Website** dedicated to the history of our neighborhood. It will be quite some time, however, before it is up and running. We will start by uploading the contents of the application for the Texas Historical Commission marker. Then over time we will create pages for the individual houses in the neighborhood, as that information becomes available. Some residents are planning to apply for historic markers for their properties, but even if you are not interested in doing that, you might consider researching the history of your homes and sharing the information with the Website through me or Linda Stone (it does not need to contain information about the current owner unless that is your wish!) We invite all to join in this effort to learn where we came from! I will unveil the url of the Website as soon as there is enough on it! Stay tuned....

One other piece of news is that a "Permanent Collection" section has been added to the Little House of Peace Free Library for those books people would like to share but want to have returned to the Library. Specifically, that Permanent Collection will be dedicated to books written by residents of the neighborhood, like **J. Frank Dobie**, or other items related to Methodist Encampment, Kerrville, and the Hill Country...or it can just be any book you want to keep in the Camp. If you have a book in that category, please just write on the inside cover "Permanent Collection" followed by "Please return to" with an arrow to the Little House of Peace Free Library label. For an example, look at [I'll Tell You a Tale: An Anthology](#), by J. Frank Dobie. You may also want to use one of the larger bookplates to explain why you recommend the book.

So summer's officially over today,
But we're on a roll!

Linda Bullard

Little House of Peace Library Steward