

WTHS – Monthly Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2011

Attending members: Bob Pennisi, Diane Pennisi, Stevie Pennisi, Eleanor Taormina, Millicent Palmer, Sara Schorr, Karen Muscat, Martha Puleo, Dominic Puleo, Barbara Rossi, Denise Niessing, Mary Ann Kordys, Betsy Guzenski, Holly Zimmerman, John Hemmings and Carol McKellar.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Treasurers Report – Denise Niessing presented the treasurer's report. The report is attached.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Barbara Rossi presented the report. A thank you will be sent to Reverend Peter H. Froehlke for the use of Zion church last month. Letter to newcomers will be finalized and we will figure out how to get the names from the tax office and Newcomers Club. The last time Mary Grace Hix supplied the names.

The Historical Society received a package from Tre Saldo which includes pictures of the Skinners, the Schooley's Mountain General Store and old houses. There was no note in the package. Possibly Charlie Skinner's daughter will help identify most of the people in the pictures. A thank you note will be written.

Museum Committee – We are getting ready for the Memorial Day Celebration at Rock Spring Park on May 28. Woody Burgener asked that we make an extensive display since there will be no speaker. Holly Zimmerman, Eileen Stokes and Denise Niessing will be representing the Historical Society.

Buildings & Grounds – Bob Pennisi will contact the plumber to replace any parts that need to be replaced. Eileen Stokes was locked in the museum but Betsy Guzenski came to her rescue. The lock needs to be looked at. The flagpole broke at the book sale but has been repaired. The downspout has been taken care of by John Hemmings and Naresh Garg.

Student celebration Monday night, May 2, 2011, went well.

Membership – Naresh Garg sent PDF file of past membership list but it cannot be unlocked. He has been asked to resend the list.

Finance Committee – Nothing.

Historical Sites – Eileen Stokes will work with one of the boy scouts who will mark grave sites in the cemetery as his Eagle Scout project.

Scholarships – Five students have submitted applications for the \$500 scholarship. Requirements for the scholarship are to live in Washington Township and to be interested in history. The committee will meet on Friday, May 6, 2011.

New Business - There is talk still of planting trees in memory of Dorothy Brahney, Gert Taylor and Lucille Orion. Eleanor Taormina gave the plans from the architect which originally included plans for the trees. We have to go to the church to ask for permission since they own the cemetery. Eleanor donated \$75 in memory of the three ladies.

30th Anniversary of the Building – An open house to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the building is tentatively scheduled for the month of October. It will include a power point presentation and cake. Committee will include Mary Ann Kordys and Barbara Rossi.

Museum/Library Committee - will explore Washington Township during the depression.

As a fundraiser John Hemmings suggested a BBQ but we will serve it. John Hemmings will check into it.

We should put up signs on the Columbia Trail letting people know the museum exists. The Morris County Parks Commission will be contacted.

There is question about the cars in the lot against the museum. We need to check on the actual areas designated to the museum.

Millicent Palmer has offered to have a get together at her house; possibly an ice cream social. Tentatively it is scheduled for July 23 with a rain date of July 24.

Bricks are uneven on the path to the museum. It was suggested to pull up the bricks, lay sand and put the bricks back.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Zimmerman
Recording Secretary