

May 27th Historical Society Meeting

General Interest

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Historical Society Adopts a Log at Fort Randolph

On Thursday, May 27, 2010, 7:00 p.m., members of the Roane County Historical Society, Inc. gathered at the Roane County Library, lower level, for their regular monthly meeting. Rick Greathouse, President, called the meeting to order & welcomed those present. Jack Nida led an opening prayer and the pledge to the American flag was recited.

Susan Tucker, Secretary pro tem, read the minutes from the April meeting which were approved. Minutes from the March meeting were also approved.

Carol Board-Westfall gave the treasurer's report of receipts and disbursements for the month of May 2010.

Linda Liss, Membership and Corresponding Secretary reported that we received four new members in April-May and reports one member's death, bringing the current membership to 191. Annual dues are due by June 30th. Members are urged to check the mailing label on their last newsletter to confirm their individual expiration date. She also brought the membership up-to-date on correspondence she had received. One in particular from the West Virginia Welcome Center at Williamstown, WV requested 100 of the Historic Buildings in Spencer, WV brochure to display at the Welcome Center. A motion was made and approved to have additional brochures printed to take care of the request.

Carol Cronin, Newsletter Editor, reported that the Volume 17 Summer issue of "The Journal" is a work in progress and should be ready to take to the printer soon.

Carol Board-Westfall reported that two new books have been added to the society's library: (1) "Images of America - Wirt Co., WV" by Richard Lowe, (2) "Marking Our Past - WV Historical Highway Markers" published by the State of WV.

We were reminded of the 16th Annual Roane County Genealogy Fair to be held on Saturday, September 25th at the Heritage Center Community Building in Spencer. Additional details will be announced after the June meeting.

There was nothing further to report on the 2011 Genealogy/History Essay Contest Scholarship at this time.

Susan Tucker presented an idea of using Digital Photo Frames loaded with photos of past Genealogy Fairs as an advertisement of the upcoming Fair. She has one loaded with photos and will place it at a strategic Spencer area to announce and advertise this up-coming annual event.

Rick encouraged members to visit the West Virginia GenWeb site, that the site has some recently added features and the Roane County Historical Society's web site can be located at wvroane.org. We were also reminded that the Roane County Library's web site has a listing of individual family histories that can be accessed in the Society's library on the building's lower level.

Rick Greathouse reported that he attended a war reenactment at Fort Randolph, in Point Pleasant, WV recently. While there he learned that the palisade timbers around the fort are deteriorating and need to be replaced. To that effort an Adopt-a-Log Campaign is in progress. The R. C. H. S. voted to adopt a log in memory of Roane Countian and Revolutionary War veteran, Samuel Tanner. A plaque with the names of donors will be located in the fort's trading post.

The nominating committee for the R. C. H. S. will meet in June to nominate officers for 2010-11. The election will take place in July 2010.

The meeting adjourned with refreshments being served to those present: Susan Tucker, Carol Board-Westfall, Patty Wyatt, Rick Greathouse, Jack and Jean Nida, Hazel Gandee, Linda Liss, Denver Gandee, and Carol Cronin.

The Society's annual birthday party will be held at the conclusion of the June 24th meeting. Members are urged to attend and guests are always welcome.