

Report from June 24, 2010 Society Meeting

General Interest

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Historical Society receives Governor's Community Participation Grant

The Roane County Historical Society, Inc. met on Thursday, June 24, 2010 in the Roane County Library downstairs meeting room.

The meeting was called to order by Rick Greathouse, President. Jack Nida led the opening prayer and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Susan Tucker, Recording Secretary, pro tem, read the minutes of the May meeting, which were approved unanimously.

Carol Board-Westfall gave the Treasurer's report.

Linda Cottrell Liss, Membership/Corresponding Secretary, reported the gain of one member for a total membership of 192. Dues, \$12, for the 2010-11 fiscal year are payable at this time. She also reported that the "Historic Buildings in Spencer, WV" brochure has been reprinted, with 100 being sent to the WV Welcome Center at Williamstown, WV per their request.

Old Business:

Susan Tucker reported that a digital photo frame loaded with past genealogy fair photos has been placed at the Roane County Library to help promote the society and the fair. She has ordered two additional digital frames to display photos during this year's fair.

Susan suggested that a FaceBook on-line site for the Roane County Historical Society be established. With general approval of those present, Susan will take care of this. Also, it was suggested that perhaps older issues of "The Journal" newsletter be posted to the society's website. Guidelines need to be drawn up with regard to this proposal.

There is no further report on the Essay Contest Scholarship at this time.

Society member & Roane Co. Delegate, Bob Ashley, presented a 2010 grant award certificate to the society representing a \$3,000 Governor's Community Participation Grant received recently. This is the second year the society has been awarded the grant.

The Society needs to identify additional homes or buildings in the area that were built in or before 1910 for possible recognition with a plaque as we did with the 2009 grant. It was also suggested that perhaps the society recognize the late Congressman, Harry C. Woodyard, [1867-1929]. Woodyard, who served nine terms, was the only U. S. Congressman from Roane County.

A nominating committee, Susan Tucker, Linda Liss and Jack Nida, will prepare & present a slate of officers for the 2010-11 year at the July 22nd meeting for election.

It was noted that several previously unread Roane County cemeteries have been identified and read.

There are many updates needed for already read & published cemeteries. Perhaps it is time to compile an additional ?Cemeteries of Roane County, WV? volume.

The meeting adjourned with a 17th Birthday Celebration of the R. C. H. S. Refreshments were served to, Carol Board-Westfall, Rick Greathouse, Susan Tucker, Jack and Jean Nida, Hazel Gandee, Bob Ashley and Linda Cottrell Liss.

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