

September 23, 2010 Meeting Notes

News

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The Roane County Historical Society, Inc. met Thursday, September 23, 2010 at the Roane County Library for their regular monthly meeting. Rick Greathouse, President, called the meeting to order. Jack Nida, 1st Vice President, led an opening prayer and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Carol Board-Westfall, Treasurer, reported a good balance to carry on the work of the society and Johanna Nutter read the minutes from the previous meeting. Linda Liss, Membership & Corresponding Secretary, reported the gain of one new member, bringing membership to 193. Members who had not paid their 2010-11 dues have been contacted.

The society is continuing the process of identifying historic homes, churches and other buildings in Roane County to recognize with a plaque. Any pre-1910 building, home or church, that has been maintained, is eligible for inclusion in this ongoing project, if it still displays some of its original architectural features. If you own or know of a qualifying structure, please contact Carol Board-Westfall, email at carol@wvroane.org or phone her at 304-927-1340.

The RCHS is seeking a photo of the late Congressman Harry Chapman Woodyard. (1867-1929). Woodyard, wholesale grocery and lumber businessman, served nine terms as Congressman from Roane County. The society is making plans to recognize Roane County's only U. S. Congressman with a memorial plaque which will include his likeness. If you have a photo to share, please contact Carol Board-Westfall.

The RCHS is always interested in and looking for ways to interest young people in genealogy and preserving their family history & the history of Roane County. To that end the Society is making plans for accepting and processing applications for the first annual \$500 scholarship to be awarded by the R.C.H.S. Using specific guidelines, Roane County High School seniors will be invited to write an essay on their family history/genealogy. The winning essay will receive the scholarship during the school's Spring awards ceremony. The Essay/Scholarship Committee includes, Linda Liss, Carol Cronin, Marvin Stemple and Johanna Nutter.

Carol Cronin, newsletter editor, reported that she is scanning and transferring older issues of the society's newsletter, The Journal, to compact disks. Several years of newsletters can be stored on one disk.

Plans for the Saturday, September 25th, 16th Annual Genealogical Fair, sponsored by the society, were discussed and finalized. Johanna Nutter, Chairperson.

The meeting adjourned. Those in attendance were: Carol Board-Westfall, Susan Tucker, Susie Wyatt, Patty and Bernard Wyatt, Rick Greathouse, Hazel Gandee, Carol Cronin, Denver Gandee, Johanna Nutter, Jean and Jack Nida, Bob Ashley and Linda Liss.

The next meeting of the Roane County Historical Society, Inc. is scheduled for Thursday, October 28th, 7 p.m. at the Roane County Library downstairs. Members are urged to attend and guests are welcome.