

Notes from November 18th Meeting

General Interest

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The RCHS met on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Roane County Library with five members & one guest present. President, Rick Greathouse called the meeting to order and Linda Liss led the opening prayer. The pledge to the flag was recited.

In absence of the Recording Secretary, minutes of the previous meeting could not be read.

Carol Board-Westfall, Treasurer, gave her report. No receipts. \$75.99 disbursements. Balance \$18,123.41. Copy filed with minutes.

Corresponding Secretary/Membership Secretary, Linda Liss reported that she had mailed greeting cards where needed. She contacted 28 local members as a reminder about the date change for this month's meeting. Question: Why are members not attending these important meetings? She has contacted the 15 members three times who have not paid their 2010-11 dues. Five persons decided not to renew and we have rec'd two new members. Present membership: 197, a net loss of three. Report copy filed with minutes. Carol Cronin also posted 'Final Issue' on Newsletter cover. Names will be removed from roll if not paid by December 16th.

Carol Board Westfall reported that no new books have been added to the library. The Fall-Volume 18, Issue 1 of the newsletter was mailed this week.

Carol announced that our 17th Annual Genealogy Fair will be advertised in the 2011 Roane County Chamber of Commerce (WV) Travel Guide.

Old Business:

Linda Liss reported that she and Marvin Stemple of the RCHS Essay Scholarship Committee met at 6 p.m. and finalized guidelines and the application form for the Essay Scholarship. A timeline will co-incide with Roane County High School schedules, with it being presented to interested Seniors in January 2011.

Carol B/W reported on the plaque project. There should be enough funds on hand to do seventeen plaques this year. She has contacted many area churches and has heard back from some. She researched the Goad house near Walton and found that it was built in 1917. The house is quite impressive and is being restored room-by-room by its present owners. After discussion, motion was made by Linda Liss and seconded by Paul Hughes to relax the society's 100 year criteria for plaques, this one time, and go ahead and place a plaque on the Goad home. Motion carried unanimously. Carol will contact the Hollan family of her findings and the society's decision.

Carol reported that a photo of Ralph Nester had been found to include with his pictures that are being framed.

Linda Liss is working on a book of photos and histories of the buildings/homes which were included in the 2009 plaque project. She needs additional information on several of the homes & buildings.

New Business:

Rick announced that an information packet has been received for the 2011 WV History Hero presentation. Name has to be submitted by the end of 2010. Tabled until the December 16th meeting.

Due to the Christmas holidays the next meeting of the RCHS will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 16th, 2010. ONE WEEK EARLY. Holiday refreshments will be served.

The business meeting adjourned and our guest, Mr. Paul Greathouse of Richwood, WV, presented a program of music on the mountain dulcimer.

Those present were: Marvin Stemple, Linda Liss, Carol Board-Westfall, Paul Hughes, Rick Greathouse and guest, Mr. Paul Greathouse.