

## **August Meeting of Historical Society**

### **News**

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The Roane County Historical Society, Inc., met Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Roane County library with nineteen members and two guests present. Rick Greathouse, President, called the meeting to order. Anthony Hofstad led an opening prayer and the pledge to the American flag was recited by all.

Susan Tucker, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from the July meeting which were approved as read. Carol Board-Westfall gave the Treasurer's report which reflected a balance of \$19,446.74. Linda Cottrell Liss, Membership & Corresponding Secretary, reported current membership at 202.

Liss reported that the Civil War marker for T.J.Cottrill was retrieved recently from the McKown's Creek roadside by Frank Liss, Jack Nida, & Jim Perdue and is awaiting pick up by the Harrison County Genealogical Society to get it back to the IOOF Cemetery at Clarksburg where Mr. Cottrill is buried.

Board-Westfall reported that several old books had been donated to RCHS library. She also reported that she and Jack Nida had put up eleven of the church plaques and hopes to get the rest delivered & installed soon as weather permits. In addition she reported that the plaque commemorating the service of county native Harry C. Woodyard, U.S. Congressman, is being designed and hopefully will be ready for unveiling during Walnut Festival activities. It will hang at the Roane County Court House.

Carol Cronin, Newsletter Editor, reported that the Vol 19-Issue 1 newsletter is nearly ready to send to the printer.

Johanna Nutter, Genealogy Fair Chairperson, reported that vendors are signing up for our 17th Annual Genealogy Fair, scheduled for Saturday, September 24th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Heritage Park Community Center. Drawings for door prizes will be held which include some of the books published by the historical society. Breakfast & luncheon foods will be served by the American Legion Auxiliary. Everyone is welcome to drop by, seek out folk working on same family lines, find new family connections, purchase items offered by vendors and make some new friends.

Paul Hughes, society member, distributed booklets titled: "The Civil War in SPENCER" which he helped compile and produce through the Spencer Rotary Club Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee with funding assistance provided by the WV Dept. of Education and the Arts. The booklet relates the years of conflict 1861-1865 and the part Spencer & its citizen soldiers played in the Civil War.

Greathouse announced that a speaker from Preservation Works is scheduled for our November 16th meeting.

The meeting adjourned with refreshments being served to: Tucker, Board-Westfall, Greathouse, Brenda Whited, Nutter, Okey and Mary Young, Carl Paxton, Reva Paxton, Hazel Gandee, Patty and Bernard Wyatt, Hughes, Betty Moore, Cronin, Liss, Melissa Swisher, Peggy Starcher, Bobby Skinner, Hofstad and Philip J. Miller.

The next meeting of the R.C.H.S. is scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd, at 7 p.m. downstairs at the Roane County Library. All members are urged to attend and guests are always welcome. For further information about society activities you may contact Linda Liss at

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