Notes from September 2011 RCHS Meeting

General Interest

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The Roane County Historical Society, Inc. met on Thursday, September 22, 2011 with twenty-four members and guests present. Rick Greathouse, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Johanna Nutter led the opening prayer and the Pledge to the American Flag was recited.

Susan Tucker, Recording Secretary read the minutes from the August meeting & they were approved as read.
Carol Board-Westfall, Treasurer, reported an accounting of receipts and disbursements showing a balance of $17,335.16 The disbursements included payment of the Harry C. Woodyard plaque and the purchase of several Wes Cochran publications. A report copy was filed with the meeting minutes.

Linda Liss, Membership & Corresponding Secretary, reported membership stands at 204, which includes two new members. She has responded to inquiries where needed and has contacted members whose dues have not been paid.

A report was given by Johanna Nutter, 2011 Genealogical Fair chairperson. Vendors are signing up and everything is coming together nicely for the 17th Annual Fair sponsored by the R.C.H.S. scheduled for Sat., September 24th.

The R.C.H.S. voted to increase the Annual Essay Scholarship from $500 to $750. In an attempt to get young persons interested in their family history and genealogy, the society is offering a $750 scholarship to a Roane County High School senior. The applicants are asked to write an essay on their family history and experiences. The scholarship will be awarded at the schoolâ€™s 2012 Spring awards ceremony.

Carol Board-Westfall reported that all of the plaques for the Roane County historic churches and the Goad house near Walton have been installed. An album will be available in the societyâ€™s library with photos as the plaques were being installed. Special thanks to Carol for spearheading this project and also to those helping her with the installation.

The dedication of the plaque commemorating the service of U.S. Senator Harry C. Woodyard as the countyâ€™s only U.S. Senator, is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th at noon at the Roane County Courthouse during Black Walnut Festival activities. Woodyard descendants are expected to attend and a reception, hosted by the R.C.H.S., will be held after the unveiling. (You may check our FaceBook page, Roane County Historical Society, Inc. to see a photo of the plaque.)

The society will be considering a nomination for the annual â€œHistory Heroâ€• presentation. Nominations must be in before the end of 2011. The society has had three members honored as History Hero in the past: Mrs. Carol Board-Westfall, Mr. Jack Nida and Mrs. Carol Cronin.

Denver R. Gandee, R. C. H. S. member and county historian, is looking for information regarding the founding of the Methodist Church in the Roane County area. He is a scheduled Veteranâ€™s Day speaker at St. Johnâ€™s United Methodist Church in Spencer, WV on Sunday, November 6, 2011.

The meeting adjourned with refreshments being served to: Tucker, Susie Wyatt, Nutter, Liss, Board-Westfall, Greathouse, Jim Heim, Brenda Whited, Carol Cronin, Hazel Cottrell Gandee, Marvin D. Stemple, Phyllis Counts, Jerry R. Morgan, Melissa Swisher, Betty Moore, Anthony Hofstad, Denver Gandee, Robert Green, Phillip J. Miller, Ellen Platt, Reva Paxton, Peggy Starcher, Jack and Jean Nida.

The next meeting of the R.C.H.S. is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th at the Roane Co. Library, lower level at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend and guests are welcomed. You may contact Linda Liss at WVRoots@aol.com if you have questions about membership or R.C.H.S. activities.