

Notes from RCHS's May 24, 2012 Meeting

General Interest

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The Roane County Historical Society met Thursday, May 24, 2012 at the Roane County Library for its regular monthly meeting with thirteen members and two guests present.

The meeting was called to order by Rick Greathouse, President. Johanna Nutter led an opening prayer and the pledge to the American flag was recited by all. Susan Tucker read minutes from the April meeting which were approved as read. Carol Board Westfall gave the Treasurer's report reflecting a balance of \$18,764.69. Linda Liss, Membership Secretary, reported current membership at 202. As Corresponding Sect'y she has also responded to inquiries where needed.

Board-Westfall reported she has ordered 20 additional copies of the book "Once Upon a Tuesday" by Craig.

Reminder: Annual Genealogy Fair, Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012 at the Heritage Park Community Bldg. in Spencer. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Since space is limited vendors need to reserve tables soon.

Contact: Carol Board-Westfall at legallady@hughes.net, or Johanna Nutter at joeandjo30@wirefire.com for further info.

The R.C.H.S. has a large microfilm collection of Times Record/Roane County Reporter newspapers. The film reader is antiquated and may be unrepairable at any point. Therefore, the society voted to apply for and use the \$1,000 Governor's Community Participation grant toward having those 66 reels of microfilm digitized and preserved for future library patron's use. The motion passed unanimously.

The Society also has many old newsletters and other paper documents taking up valuable space in the library. Therefore a proposal was submitted to purchase a sheet-fed scanner to scan & preserve those items for future use. Susan Tucker offered information on two scanners for consideration. Proposal tabled until June meeting.

The evening's special guest was Miss Mariah Moore, 2012 recipient of the \$750 Essay Scholarship. Mariah told about her Moore and Bateman ancestors and her plans for the future. The society presented her with a certificate of participation and awarded her with an honorary one-year society membership.

Our special guests and program for the June 28th meeting will be representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution societies. The program will be both historical and informational in nature. They will tell about the requirements for becoming a member of the societies and provide insights into our country's past.

June is the R.C.H.S.'s "Birthday Month," so cake and ice cream will be served. Make plans now to attend.

Meeting adjourned with refreshments being served to: Susan Tucker, Carol Board-Westfall, Rick Greathouse, Hazel E. Gandee, Johanna Nutter, Peggy Starcher, Marvin Stemple, Melissa Swisher, Phill "PJ" Miller, Linda Liss, Reva Paxton, Anthony Hofstad, new member Mariah Moore, and guests, Annamaria Bateman and June D. Moore.

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