

Notes of May 23, 2013 RCHS Meeting

General Interest

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The Roane County Historical Society met on Thursday, May 23, 2013, 7 p.m. at the Roane County Library. President, Rick Greathouse called the meeting to order. The pledge to the flag was recited by all and Carol Board-Westfall led the opening prayer. Those present were: Theresa A. Boggs-Parker and Madison Parker, Hazel E.C. Gandee, Rick Greathouse, Katie L. Snodgrass, Peggy Starcher, Marvin D. Stemple, Patty Wyatt, Carol Board-Westfall and Linda Liss. In absence of the Recording Secretary, the minutes of the April 25th meeting were read by Linda Liss. Minutes approved with corrections.

The financial report was presented by Carol Board-Westfall. The ending balance was \$17,572.18
Copy filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary, Linda Liss, reported that she sent cards where needed and as Membership Secretary she reported that membership is now 206 with two additions to the member roll.

Committee Reports:

Book purchases â€œ None.

Newsletter â€œ No report.

September 2013 Genealogical Fair â€œ No report.

Old Business:

Carol Board-Westfall reported that she had mailed the large book order from the Saint Louis County Library in Missouri. The order including postage totaled \$450.60 after the 10% discount agreed upon at our April meeting. The Library has been added to our quarterly newsletter mailing list.

Carol Board-Westfall reported that she sent a consent form to the Trustees of the Flat Fork Baptist Church for their signatures to have a commemorative plaque made for the church as the church is over 100 years old. She has not heard back from them.

Carol Board-Westfall reported the she still has not received an invoice from â€œDigital Solutionsâ€• for the first batch of newspaper microfilms. The society is in danger of losing the \$1,000 grant if we cannot present an invoice for the proposed project.

Linda Liss reported that she has continued correspondence with Mr. John Austin who is restoring the John H. Smith Cemetery on Harmony Rd in Roane Co. This small family cemetery does not appear in any of the societyâ€™s cemetery books. She has placed memorials on the Find-a-Grave website for the 14 persons identified as being buried there.

Teresa Boggs Parker reported the she along with some of the Executive Committee of R.C.H.S. had visited the Depot Museum after the April meeting. The building is owned by the City of Spencer.

She reported that it had been dusted and cleaned recently by a 4-H group, however it still needs regular upkeep, painting inside & out, insulated around eaves to keep out birds, better windows, etc.

The museum building will be open on the following dates if workers can be scheduled:

Saturday, June 1 – 9 a.m. til Noon.

Heritage Days, June 20, 21, 22, 2013

Walnut Festival, October 2013.

No decision could be reached at this point whether the society could take over the Depot Museum as a project. Discussion tabled until the Executive Committee can meet to put together a plan of action.

New Business:

Carol Board-Westfall received an advertisement request from Charleston Newspapers for the society to purchase a [business card size] ad in the West Virginia Commemorative issue of the Gazette & Daily Mail celebrating the state's Sesquicentennial [150th] birthday, on June 20th. Copy of the newspaper will be placed in the Archives & History Library in Charleston. The ad will cost \$75. Motion was made and properly seconded to purchase the ad. Linda Liss will prepare the ad for publication.

Business meeting adjourned.



Linda Liss, Essay Scholarship Committee Chairperson, introduced our special guest for the meeting, Miss Katie L. Snodgrass, the \$750. 2013 Essay Scholarship winner. Katie is the daughter of Robert and Cheryl Snodgrass of Spencer. She plans on attending Marshall U. in the Fall, studying Journalism. The subject of her essay was her great grandmother, Mrs. Delta A. O'Dell, a native of Marfrance, Greenbrier Co., WV. Katie told about her future plans and read a portion of her essay. Linda presented Katie with a certificate of participation, a packet of society materials and an honorary 1-year membership in the society.

The June meeting of the R.C.H.S. is customarily designated as "Birthday Month." Cake and ice cream will be served.

Refreshments were provided by Carol Board-Westfall and Peggy Starcher.