

November 21, 2013 Meeting Notes

News

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The regular meeting of the Roane County Historical Society, Inc. was held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the Roane County Library. President, Rick Greathouse, called the meeting to order. An opening prayer and pledge to the American flag were given.



The evening's special program was presented by Mr. Doug Wood of Nitro, WV who portrayed the Cherokee leader, Ostenaco. Approximately 45 youth, adults & children attended and enjoyed the informative and entertaining presentation. He was well-informed, personable and portrayed the Native American warrior in authentic dress and native Cherokee speech. The program was a part of the History Alive! presentations made possible through the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Refreshments were served between the program and the business meeting. President Greathouse convened the business meeting. The minutes from the October meeting were read by Susan Tucker, Recording Secretary. Carol Board-Westfall presented the Treasurer's report, giving the current balance as: \$16,606.63

Carol also reported that she had reserved the Heritage Park Community Bldg. for our 20th Annual Genealogy Fair for Saturday, September 27, 2014.

Linda Liss, Membership Secretary, reported the current membership at 206. Ten persons have not paid annual dues and will be removed from roll. She also sent one sympathy card to the family of a former member who had died recently.

Announcement: The National Genealogical Society 2014 Family History Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Richmond, VA on May 7-10, 2014. Registration forms and fees schedules are available through our society.

Old Business:

Rick Greathouse reported on his findings regarding a new computer for the Historical Society's Library. Motion was made & properly seconded & carried unanimously for him to go ahead and order the Dell desktop computer system with Windows 7. [Approx. cost: \$750.] He agreed to install

and setup the system when it arrives. A monitor has been donated to the society for use with the new computer.

History Hero nomination: The R.C.H.S. wishes to nominate Mrs. Susan Wyatt Tucker for History Hero for 2014. She has served the Society conscientiously over the years as Recording Secretary and has headed up projects to record, preserve, and digitize county newspaper microfilms and printed birth records housed in the Society's library. She has helped with setup of our annual genealogy fairs and has represented our society at other genealogy fairs. Application must be completed and delivered to the WV Culture & History Library in Charleston, WV by December 31, 2013. Winners will be announced and honored at a special ceremony during the WV Legislature in February 2014.

B & O Rr Building - City Museum:

The Executive Committee still needs to meet and make a recommendation about the museum. Theresa Boggs Parker announced that she has met with the Mayor and City Council & brought them up-to-date on the possibility of the Society taking over management of the museum. She attended a recent Grant Writing Workshop in Calhoun County. She also attended a recent West Virginia Non-profit Association meeting. The Association seeks to strengthen nonprofit organizations like the R.C.H.S., Inc. in their respective communities and may be able to help establish a program planning framework for Grant writing in connection to raising funds to renovate the Museum. Susan Tucker agreed to look over the printed materials provided and make a recommendation to the Society with regard to joining the WV Non-profit Association. Annual membership is \$90.

The next meeting of the R.C.H.S. is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Roane County Library. **THIS IS THE LAST MEETING FOR 2013 !** Members, please make every effort to attend; we have several items to finalize and your input is important. Due to uncertainty of winter weather we will not be meeting again until March 27, 2014.

Members attending the business meeting were: Theresa Parker, Melissa Swisher, Patty Wyatt, Reva Paxton, Susan Tucker, Rick Greathouse, Carol Board Westfall, Linda Liss, and guests, Opal Groves and Paul Greathouse.