Notes from October 27th, 2016 Meeting

General Interest

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The Roane County Historical Society met on Thursday, October 27, 2016, 7 p.m. at the Roane County Library. Seven members and six guests were present.
Meeting was called to order by Rick Greathouse, President, Carol Board-Westfall led an opening prayer and the pledge to the American flag was recited by all.
Rick welcomed and introduced our special guests, April L. Williams Gardner and Shirley Gilkeson of the Kanawha Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Charleston, WV and Jane Larke, and husband Carl, of the Woodburn Chapter DAR of Morgantown, WV. They were invited because of possible community interest in forming a new Chapter of DAR for Spencer and surrounding area. Mrs. Gilkson explained that in order for a new chapter to be formed; [1] An organizing Regent needs to be appointed, [2] chapter must have at least twelve members [3] members must prove ancestry to a Revolutionary War patriot and [4] select name for chapter. (It is noted that Spencer formerly had a DAR Chapter â€“ The Spencer Roane Chapter, now disbanded.)
The ladies were very informative in explaining the process of becoming a DAR Chapter; conversation continued over refreshments. While those present seemed interested, no specific action was taken to go forward with forming a new local chapter.
Business session:
Susan Tucker, Recording Secretary read minutes from Sept 2016 meeting which were approved as read.
Carol Board-Westfall reported that the current treasury balance is $13,088.96 â€“ all bills paid.
Linda Cottrell Liss reported the current membership is steady at 215 members. She noted that 21 members have not paid their 2016-17 annual dues. All have been contacted two times. Delinquent members will be removed from roll.
Melissa Swisher sent message that the Fall 2016 newsletter was mailed today. Articles are need for upcoming newsletters. Send to Linda Liss at WVRoots@aol.com or mail to RCHS, PO Box 161, Spencer, WV 25276-0161.

Linda Cottrell Liss reported that she has recently opened a Spencer State Hospital Face Book page and it already has 231 members as of the Oct. 27th date. Anyone interested in the history of Spencer State Hospital is welcome to become a member by accessing the site and requesting membership. It is a â€œclosed group â€œ formed to recognize the contributions of SSH to the Spencer & Roane County communities. It is also provided as a way to recognize former employees, staff and volunteers, and to learn about the misconceptions of mental illness in general. The â€œforgotten ones patientsâ€• are also lovingly remembered. Link to group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1094136047340859/

Meeting adjourned. Those present were: Members, Susan Tucker, Carol Board-Westfall, Linda Cottrell Liss, Rick Greathouse, Vicki Knight & husband Smith Knight, Ellen Platt and Bonita Schreckengost. Guests included Melba Starcher, and DAR representatives, Shirley M. Gilkeson, April Gardner, Jane Larke & husband Carl.

The next meeting of the R.C.H.S. will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Roane County Library. This is one week earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Members are urged to attend and guests are welcome.