

Nicholson Heritage Association  
Nicholson Presbyterian Church  
March 25, 2015  
7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet Chairman with the following people attending: Marion Sweet, Joan Jenkins, Pat Gunton, Russ Gunton, Albert Olive, Joseph Nichols, Allie Nichols, Karin Wellings, Robert Weiler, Rick Burkhart, Bill Irion, Brian Polaskas, Greg Palaskas, Dorothy Cleary, Christian Zeme, Tim Hortman, Johanna Lindsey, Kim Aylesorth, Wayne Franko, Tina Barrasse, Bob Gritman, Beth Coleman, Joan Kupetsky, & Philip Gomez

The Agenda was presented, reviewed and a motion was made by Jodi Nichols and seconded by Bob Weiler to approve, motion carried.

Minutes were reviewed from the February 25, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Bob Gritman and seconded by Bob Weiler to approve the minutes. Motion carried, the minutes were approved. Everyone that attended the meeting received a copy for their records.

Treasurer's report: Rick Lochen was absent from the meeting. Marion gave a short Treasurers report.

Correspondence: Marion reported that we received correspondence from PSP Mountain View Band and Ford Model A Club that they will participate in the parade.

### **Old Business**

Grant Report: We received EMVB room tax grant of \$5000.00 for posters, ads, and brochures. Williams was contacted to help with a donation for work on the station foundation. Marion stated that the Penna. DOT Grant can only be used on the Station. Penna.DOT is doing an inspection.

First Day Cancellation: Tim Hortman is working on the cancellation. A discussion was held when to have the cancellation take place. It was suggested to have it on two days but it was decided to only have it on one day Friday September 11, 2015.

Stamp letter for 2015: Marion received a letter from the Postal Department that the stamp celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of bridge was refused.

Nicholson Woman's Club: The Woman's Club reported they will have a float on 9/13/2015. They will use both Main Street and Nordahl Park on Sunday 9/13/2015.

They also will need Shuttle Service back and forth to Nordahl Park on Sunday. They will set up the vendors spaces on Friday 9/11/2015. A discussion was held to give a map to visitors for vendor location. Also discussed was that more picnic tables will be needed for the weekend. Heritage agreed to do a basket for the Woman's Club on Sunday 9/13/2015 for their basket raffle.

History on Main Street: The Historical sites will be open to the public on Saturday. Also Josh contacted 27 Historical groups to have booths located on Main Street.

Walking tours: Robert Gritman will have walking tours of some homes and business in Nicholson. We will discuss what homes and buildings in Nicholson to have on the tour at our next meeting.

Time Capsule Contents-ideas: We last buried a Time Capsule in 1990. Suggestions made what to place in the capsule: August 2015 minutes of the Heritage meeting, Newspaper, Posters, Small Coins, railroad spike and other memorabilia to be discussed at next meeting. It was also suggested that we bury it at the station and have a cornerstone at same location.

Fireworks: Rich Lochen is working on the fireworks and will give us updates as they progress.

Shuttle Bus: Mark Novitch & Ted Roberts finalized the arrangements for the shuttle bus.

Bridge lighting for 2015: Richard Zick and David Palmer will contact the Gas Companies to do the lighting. We will have updates at each meeting.

Train Excursion: Work is being done to see if a train Excursion will run on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.

Brooklyn Historical Society-Update: Martins Creek Viaduct will have their 100th Anniversary celebration on September 5, 2015. They contacted the railroad company for permission to have a dance on the bridge. A dance was held on the Martins Creek Viaduct when it was completed in 1915. They will display their memorabilia at Carol Master's building the Aqua Inn. Marion will attend their March 17, 2015 meeting.

Essay contest with schools: Marion sent the essay forms to Lackawanna Trail and they were received. We will have 8- \$50.00 winners one for each grade 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dietrich Theater Display June thru August: Marion will take articles of the bridge down to the Dietrich for the display. Marion will work with Mark Mitchell on the display. Marion will also speak at the Dietrich on August 16, 2015 for a special event.

Women's Club will charge their vendors on Sunday Sept. 13, 2015 \$25.00 for spaces.. The Heritage will have a board meeting to decide what we will charge for food vendors for Friday and Saturday.

## **New Business:**

Marion purchased and donated to Heritage children's train books and small friction train. A motion was made by Joan Jenkins and seconded by Jodi Nichols to sell them at The Farmer Supply and Bridge Day.

Clean Up Crew: Rick Lochen will take care of the cleanup for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend.

Nicholson Fire Company: Albert Olive will contact the fire company about having their fire trucks lead the parade. We would also like the water tanker in the parade. The Heritage and Woman's Club will write a letter to the Fire Company in care of Mr. Olive asking for the fire police to help for the weekend.

Insurance Coverage: Marion contacted Hawk Insurance for the insurance coverage for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend. She has the papers and will fill them out and find out the cost of the coverage. We will discuss at our next meeting.

Wine Festival May 9, 2015: A motion was made by Tina Barrasse and seconded by Steve Peterson to pay \$50.00 for a space at the Wine festival. Marion Sweet and Joan Jenkins will take care of the Heritage Booth.

Membership: Tina Barrasse will be the Heritage Membership Chairman. It was discussed to have all memberships go from January to December 31<sup>st</sup> and all agreed.

A discussion was held about a Wine & Cheese party with photos displayed at the Catholic Hall on Friday night Sept. 11, 2015. George Barbolish is in charge of this event.

Phil Gomez is taking care of the Stage at the Bank parking lot and Hotel Almont for the weekend.

Johanna Lindsey suggested a Scavenger Hunt to take in all of Nicholson with prizes.

A discussion was held about having bands on Friday & Saturday night downtown. Rich Lochen is taking care of the bands.

Marion contacted a chocolate company to make a large chocolate train and candy bars with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the wrapper.

Josh suggested a newspaper Reprinted.

Debbie Dowling was at the meeting and said that Wyoming County Chamber will have a float in the parade.

Next meeting will be April 29, 2015

A motion was made by Jody Nichols and seconded by Bob Nichols to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Irion Jenkins, Sec.