

Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Presbyterian Church
September 24, 2014
7 PM

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet, Chairperson with the following in attendance:

Marion Sweet, Pat Gunton, Russell Gunton, Tim Hortman, Richard A. Zick, Debbie Conway of the National Park Service, Stephen Peterson, Patty McFarland, Karin Wellings, Craig Smith, Nancy Smith

Agenda distributed, reviewed and approved.

Minutes from August 27, 2014 meeting accepted.

Marion Sweet read Treasurer's report received from Rick Lochen and it was approved and filed for audit.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Fund Raising: Rick Lochen, Chairman, has received pledges from several businesses and continues to work on others.

Membership: Lisa Mihalina was not present. Marion Sweet reported that Lisa continues to send reminder notices for renewals of memberships.

100th Anniversary Planning - September 11, 12, 13, 2015

Discussed historic home tour.

Additional souvenirs to be sold were discussed. The bell, sample of which was previously displayed, model boxcar. Marion noted that presently all funding efforts are going towards building fund.

Food: Johanna Lindsey volunteered to help with vendors. Joan Jenkins is in charge of this committee and needs assistance. This will be food for Saturday as Sunday is strictly the domain of the Women's Club.

Was suggested committees meet independently and present reports at monthly meetings.

Logo Contest: 3 entries received. Prize is a professionally framed copy of the winning artwork.

Photo - Airbrushed work donated by Nancy Smith. Chances sold at 2014 Bridge Day. Consensus is that we can sell more and hold drawing at Trees & Trains. Nancy will donate another picture. A smaller sized picture discussed.

Other raffles discussed including the wood encased, laser design measuring tape produced and donated by Fred Williams and passed around. Businesses in town may be approached for other donations to be raffled.

Raffle License: Renewed and # will be on new raffle tickets.

Debbie Conway of the National Park Service mentioned that as of now the Christmas Train is due at Steamtown Thanksgiving Day November 27. A definite date should be forthcoming after October 1st. That'd put the train in Nicholson on Friday, November 28.

Stamp Letter: The form letter to get the Viaduct on a Stamp for 100th anniversary - approximately 150 signed letters thus far. Additional signatures are needed and prepared letters are available. More letters are available for fund-raising as well.

Richard A. Zick, Brooklyn Historical Society has agreed to work with us on the 100th celebration. He discussed their society's recent trip to Steamtown and displayed photos obtained from glass plates stored there depicting scenes from construction of the Martin's Creek Bridge at Kingsley.

Mr. Zick discussed interns from University of Scranton and Keystone College who will work at Steamtown cataloging and archiving. Funding needed for this project. Next meeting of Brooklyn Historical Society is October 22, 2014. They are looking into an illuminated sign at the Martins Creek Viaduct.

Debbie Conway is optimistic about getting a Canadian Pacific train to come to 2015 Bridge Days and go on to Martin's Creek on the same run.

New Business: Johanna Lindsey will handle the stage and look into lighting to be focused on the Bridge for the anniversary. The lighting must be checked with Canadian Pacific.

Historical Societies: Marion Sweet is checking with local historical societies regarding setting up booths at 100th to sell their respective books, souvenirs, etc.

Cabinets/bench/railroad lights: Stored about town will go to the station when completed.

Keys/locks: New lock has been installed on the station. Marion Sweet has keys.

Mowing at Station: Has been taken care of by former owner Al Kwiatkowski and his grandson.

A box of memorabilia received from Garford Williams; family. Displayed was a poster from Nicholson's Centennial in 1965.

Bids: 5 received, remain sealed. Agreed to wait on outcome of Grant approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Next meeting Wednesday, October 29, 2014, 7 PM,

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Gunton, Acting Secretary