

Nicholson Heritage Association  
Nicholson Presbyterian Church  
31August2010  
7:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Heritage Association was called to order by chairman Marion Sweet. The following people were in attendance: Marion Sweet, Garrett McCracken, Marie Mihalina, Alice Powers, Kay Parkinson, George Barbolish, Ann Marie Aylesworth and Steve Peterson.

Minutes were reviewed from the 29July2010 meeting and approved. Each person attending was given a copy for their records.

There was no treasurer's report available. It was noted that a bill for \$231.74 had been paid to Kevin's Wholesale for 200 drink cozies. They cost us about \$1.17 each and will be sold for \$2.50.

There was no correspondence received.

Fund raisers for the railroad station were discussed. Marion has sent out several letters and so far about \$1000 has been received. The raffle tickets for the picture donated by Nancy Smith are being sold. The picture is on display at the Farmers Supply. Possibly in October we will be scheduling the selling of 50/50 tickets at Rivenburg's Auction Wednesday nights. Tim Hortman has tickets we can use for that. Jane Decker is donating a concrete bench with the Nicholson Bridge on it for a fund raiser. This can either be sold outright for \$150 (if someone should want it on Bridge Day) or sell raffle tickets possible thru the winter months. Kay Parkinson and Ann Marie Aylesworth suggested having a basket raffle on the day we have the Christmas Celebration in town. She said the restaurant can be used or even set tables in front of the restaurant with the baskets. Ann will chair that committee. She will have more details at the September meeting. Joan Jenkins will be preparing a basket of our items to be raffled on Bridge Day. Also we will have a container with a sign on it just for "donations for the station".

George Barbolish will pick up a table, water and other items on the night before bridge day. Garrett McCracken will also provide a six foot table. Nancy Smith will provide the ice needed for the water. Ann Marie will pick up the ice and get it to our booth. George and Ann Marie have coolers.

The signup sheet for workers on bridge day is complete.

Dawn Bell had told Marion that day that Penn Dot had called and the problem with the Scenic Pull Off is resolved. Several members of council and others were at that area mowing and weeding. At this time George Barbolish can proceed with the plans for the sign we are going to place there.

The sign will probably go up in the spring as we need to address the fact that also on Route 92 going thru our town is the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic by Pass. This by way was designated in 2005 and we have a copy of the resolution signed by council president to confirm this. Marion and Josh Stull was at a

meeting that morning with the group including Jacqueline Koons Felion who heads the scenic by way program from Harrisburg. Hopefully with publicity this will bring more tourists into our area. This by way goes from Deer Park Lumber on route 92 to Lanesboro. Therefore-including the two famous viaducts.

The 1000 copies of the book "The Bridge Was Built" have been picked up. There are 500 at the Farmers Supply and 500 in the upstairs storage at Nicholson Lumber.

A three page list of places that once existed in town was given to each member. It was discussed that it might be a good idea if we could prepare a "booklet". Make a cover, questions on each page and then have the answers at the end. It could be sold as another fund raiser. Further discussion will be at the September meeting.

There had been two messages received on our web site. The first one was from local resident Matt Myers who is a co-founder of the NE Paranormal Society. He had asked if his group could investigate the railroad station. Josh explained to him that we did not own it yet. The second request was from Rose Gregory that used to live outside of Nicholson. She was interested in the old family homestead. That farm is about a mile from Marion and she knows the Gregory family so she will try to find the answers for Ms. Gregory.

Josh continues to do a wonderful job with our web site. The second Newsletter will be posted this week. Once again we ask that you remember to use Goodsearch.com for your search engine. We have about \$37 earned at this time.

The next meeting will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the church.

Secretary Pro Tem

Marion G Sweet