

**Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Presbyterian Church
January 25, 2011
7:00pm**

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet Chairman with the following people attending: Marion Sweet, Tim Hortman, Joan Irion Jenkins, Ann Marie Aylesworth, Tim Sanko, John Logan and Nancy Logan.

Minutes were reviewed from the November, 2010 meeting and approved. Everyone that attended the meeting received a copy for their records.

No Treasurer's report was given. Marion did report that we have received to date approximately \$ 300.00 in memory of Les Troda.

Old Business:

Marion reported that Josh Stull will enter in March the Freight Station in the next Pepsi Grant, but this time we will apply for a smaller amount. We have one more week to vote for the current Pepsi Grant for \$250,000.00 for the Freight Station.

Marion received an email from Tim Funk a former resident of Nicholson. Mr Funk is also constructing a small replica of the Tunkhannock Viaduct. Mr. Funk also stated in his email that Steamtown website has a lot of information on the Bridge.

Skelly & Loy through Penn Dot is doing a historical survey on the cut off and they will help us with Freight Station. We can contact Gerald Juncio at 1-800-347-7538.

The pictures of the railroad men that worked on the building of the bridge are finished and Marion picked them up to display for the members to see. They are approximately 30x5 inches and the cost was \$20.00 each and a flat fee of \$20.00 to scan the original. A discussion was held on how much we should charge for each one. We decided to charge \$35.00 and to have one matted and framed by Phil Evans. Marion will take the print to Phil and see what the cost will be and report back to the members next month and then we can decide.

We are now licensed to conduct small game of chance for one year. The cost for the license was \$100.00. A few suggestions were made on how we can conduct 50/50 raffles. Ann Marie Aylesworth will report back to us at the next meeting with some information on how to conduct them. We also asked for some suggestions of different kind of chances and when and where to have them take place.

New Business

Tim Sanko a Boy Scout from Nicholson presented us with a request and information on how he would like to become an Eagle Scout and what he must do become one. He would like to help work on the renovation of the freight station and he stated how he and his fellow scouts would help us. He must complete paper work and that it will take some time of do this. We did give him permission that the Heritage Association will approve his request for him to complete his project for his eagle badge. We did state that it may be some time before we purchase the station and he agreed that that would be fine.

We received a letter from Mauri Rapp a former resident of Nicholson requesting to use some of our pictures of the bridge to complete a book. Marion will meet with her and discuss the possibility. Marion will report back to us at the next meeting for our vote.

Josh Stull would like any new items for February's news letter. If anyone has information for him please contact him.

Marion spoke to Josh Stull and he would like to submit a letter to the Citizens Stamp Advisory requesting to have the bridge on a stamp for the 100 anniversary.

Marion reported on the Heritage working with EMHR Re: Viaduct Valley Way Scenic By-Way RT 92. In 2005 the Nicholson Boro signed a resolution. Marion Sweet is Chairperson for Nicholson.

Gina Onafry completed the first edition index for our bridge books. The index is great for locating articles and pictures in our books. The indexes will be for sale for \$5.00 and can be purchased from the Heritage Association. Many thanks to Gina.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday February 23, 2011.

Meeting Adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Irion Jenkins, Secretary