

**Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Presbyterian Church
March 24, 2010
7:00pm**

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet Chairman with the following people attending: Marion Sweet, Tim Hortman, Joan Irion Jenkins, Janet Brecht, George Barbolish, Steve Peterson, Jody Nichols, and Allie Nichols.

Minutes were read from the November meeting and approved and everyone that attended received a copy for their records.

Treasurer's report was given by Marion Sweet. Bank balance in checking account is \$19,619.66. CD account \$7,500.00. Shirley made a deposit of \$4,000.00 plus and \$2,000.00 of that deposit was a donation from the Nicholson Fire Auxiliary.

Old Business:

George Barbolish gave a report on the progress of the sign at the Scenic Site on Route 11. He stated that Ed Rejat and he hope to have it finished by Memorial Day.

George Barbolish reported on the Logo and that he did not receive any new designs.

Joan Jenkins reported on the Scholarship Fund. She contacted Ellen Frank the Guidance Counselor from Lackawanna Trail School and Kate Kurosky the Guidance Counselor from Mt. View School and a form will be on line for the students that are interested to submit to the Guidance Counselor of each school. After all of the forms are received they will be sent to Joan and she will meet with the committee and select the recipient.

Our new brochures are finished they have new pictures of the building the bridge from 1912 to completion in 1915 and new information on them and they are ready for distribution. George Barbolish will deliver some to the rest stops for visitors. Marion also delivered to other sites in our area.

Marion reported that the reprint of "The First Station on the Lackawanna Railroad" book is selling very well and in the near future we will do a second printing. The book can be purchase for \$15.00 on our website and at The Farmer Supply Store in Nicholson.

Marion presented the three photos to be printed on post cards at Mulligan Printing and to go on sale at Bridge day.

The American Flags will be purchased by the Heritage Association and mounted on each business building on the Main Street of Nicholson. Marion Sweet will contact each business and she will also check with Bruce Herron of Nicholson Lumber for prices on wooden poles/flags. Ann Marie Alysforth checked with council for the placement of the flags and they did approve our proposal.

Tim Hortman reported on the 2011 celebration of the First Post Office in Nicholson. The guide lines are the same and that we must present the event with cancellation camera ready artwork to the Postal Department (Postmaster Georgina Walters) with details ten weeks before the event. We also suggested that the Cancellation be presented for the 2015 celebration also.

Marion Sweet reported that we have DVD's for sale for \$15.00. The DVD contains the 75th Bridge celebration.

Marion Sweet reported that the purchase of the Railroad Station is still on going. Several people including Rick Lochen are working on the project and Marion will report more on the progress at our next meeting.

New Business:

Marion Sweet announced the event **Wine under the Bridge** Saturday May 22, 2010 from 11:00am to 5:00pm. It will be held on the Nicholson Carnival Grounds. The event will include Wine Tasting, Great Food, Handcrafted Items, and Live Entertainment. For more information call 570-836-7222.

George Barbolish suggested that we advertise in the Biking Magazine with an article on the bridge.

Marion Sweet reported that a newsletter will be on the web-twice a year www.nicholsonheritage.org.

The Heritage is also on facebook check it out and join.

Marion Sweet reported on the "bridge stamp". We received a letter rejecting our proposal stating that a limited number of stamp subjects are chosen for each yearly stamp program. Unfortunately, a vast majority of suggestions submitted cannot result in a stamp. It was suggested to contact our local postmaster for a special postal cancellation.

Everyone was in favor of the Nicholson Heritage Association joining the NBPA Nicholson Business & Professional Assoc. It will give different members a chance to attend the meetings and keep up with NBPA projects and events. The NBPA is a great place to advertise the Heritage.

Jody and Allie Nichols presented us with a newly formed club called Endless Mountains Model Railroad Club (EMMRRC). They have members from several local communities and in the future they would like to display some of their model trains at the Station if we purchase it. We also suggested that they display their models for Bridge Day.

Marion Sweet reported that Mr. Swank from the Endless Mountain Heritage Region (EMHR) would like a member from the Nicholson Heritage Association attend their meetings. Marion Sweet volunteered to represent the Heritage. Also Geroge Barbolish volunteered to attend the meetings in the summer months.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 28, 2010

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Irion Jenkins, Secretary