

**Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Presbyterian Church
February 27, 2013
7:00pm**

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet Chairman with the following people attending: Marion Sweet, Joan Irion Jenkins, Steve Peterson, Rita Thompson, Craig Smith, Nancy Smith, Glenn Love, Lisa Mihalina, Lorraine Schmidt and Pat Gunton.

The Agenda was presented and reviewed and approved.

Minutes were reviewed from the December 5, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved. Everyone that attended the meeting received a copy for their records.

Treasurer's report: Rick Lochen was unable to attend the meeting no report was given.

Correspondence: We received several membership renewals.

Old Business:

Rick Lochen chairman of the Fundraising Committee was absent and no report was given.

Craig Smith building chairman was unable to report on any progress with the station until the feasibility study is completed. Josh reported that we did get the grant not as much as we requested, EMHR, who is the administrator of the grant, is working to move the process forward to get the feasibility study started. Josh also reported that Dan Perry with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority would like to be helpful in terms of the station, but there is a possibility that they will have no funding for projects after August.

Lisa Mihalina membership chairman reported that she has received several renewals. We will ask Josh to add the membership applications on line. Marion also has received new and renewal memberships. Marion will contact people for renewal memberships.

Marion suggested that we have photos of the bridge made and framed with store frames to sell at the All Under One Roof Store and the Famer Supply for the Wine festable and Bridge Day. We discussed the photos and we will collect some photos of the construction of the bridge and current photos of the bridge.

Marion stated that she is concerned about the railroad lights at the Mercantile consignment shop and suggested that they be removed and placed in the station as soon as possible.

Josh reported that we received the \$2000.00 check from the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau to purchase 10,000 more brochures. He thinks that we should keep it the same and he may add a link on the back for a survey for visitors to fill out online, in order to give us an idea of who is getting our brochure, why, and where they are located.

New Business:

Marion reported that she attended a meeting with Phillip Swank, Executive Director of Endless Mountains Heritage Region (EMHR) and Jayashree Shamanna, registered architect and teacher at Marywood University.

The reason for the meeting was to determine the condition and possibilities for renovation of the building. This in relation to the grant we had received from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) which had been applied for thru EMHR.

Josh Stull had contacted Richard Leoni in the summer of 2012. He is with the architectural firm of Hemmler & Camayd in Scranton. Mr. Leoni had provided Josh with a proposal at that time.

Ms. Shamanna Knows Mr. Leoni and said she would get in touch with him. She felt with them working together would be an asset for the Heritage Association.

Ms. Shamanna was very impressed with the condition of the building. She noted it was in excellent condition, has a very impressive historical background and its location is equally important as it is near the Tunkhannock Viaduct and Viaduct Valley Scenic ByWay on Route92. She felt that the railroad fans would be "flocking to it and it will prove to be a large historical asset to the town.

Marion asked if the Heritage Association would like to put Julian Campbell photos on CD. A discussion was held and it was suggested to pass at this time perhaps at a later date.

Marion asked if anyone would like to buy a CD of Garford Williams notes, and if we would like to sell some of the CDs. It was discussed a motion was made by Lisa Mihalina and seconded by Rita Thompson to purchase 3 dozen and sell them for \$15.00.

Marion presented a bill for \$257.35 for the taxes on the station. She will give it to Rick to pay.

We will discuss Life Time Membership at the next meeting.

Reminder:

New Items to sell for Bridge Day

PHMC Marker for future consideration

Photos for next ornament

Use Good search—also check web site for activities

Next meeting will be April 3, 2013.

A motion made by Craig Smith and seconded by Lorraine Schmidt to adjourn at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Irion Jenkins, Sec.