

**Nicholson Heritage Association  
Nicholson Presbyterian Church  
September 26, 2012  
7:00pm**

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet Chairman with the following people attending: Marion Sweet, Tim Hortman, Joan Irion Jenkins, Rick Lochen, Steve Peterson, Pat Gunton, Barb Pompey, Lisa Mihalina, and Josh Stull on conference phone.

The Agenda was presented and reviewed. A motion was made to accept it by Joan Irion Jenkins and a second by Rick Lochen. All in favor motion carried. The agenda was approved.

Minutes were reviewed from the August, 2012 meeting and a motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Rick Lochen and second by Barb Pompey. All in favor motion carried. The minutes were approved. Everyone that attended the meeting received a copy for their records.

Treasurer's report: Rick Lochen gave the Treasurers report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Craig Smith and second by Barb Pompey. All in favor motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Correspondence: We received a donation from Carol Ruble.

**Old Business:**

Rick Lochen chairman of the Fundraising Committee reported that Cameron Crock and Aliza Ferneaux had the Golf fundraiser for their senior school project. The tournament was held at Stone Hedge Country Club on September 23, 2012 at 1:00pm. It was a big success and the proceeds will go to the Nicholson Heritage Association.

Rick Lochen also reported that he has two major donors interested in giving to the Heritage and will give the details at our next meeting.

Craig Smith reported on the station progress. A meeting was held this week with Craig Smith, Steve Peterson, Rick Lochen with Josh Stull on conference phone. The committee discussed renovations of the stations. As soon as the feasibility study is completed they will move forward.

Marion reported that the original colors of the train stations Bruster or Forest Green with Crimson Red. She asked that we all go on line and check out the colors. We will discuss at future meeting and Craig and his committee will make the final decision.

Post Cards: It was suggested that we move forward and select some pictures of the bridge and order 1000 cards

Marion reported that our supply of items to sell is down since we sold many items at Bridge Day. She suggested that we order more items and asked for suggestion. We discussed glass ornaments with a picture of the bridge. Craig Smith suggested that his wife Nancy take a picture of the bridge with a train on it. Other items mentioned were brass ornaments of a train or the bridge. Marion asked us to bring more suggestion to the next meeting.

Lisa Mihalina membership chairman reported that we now have 127 members of the Nicholson Heritage Association. Lisa suggested that the new membership drive will begin October 1, 2012 for 2013.

Marion reported that Tim Sanko will replace the Kiosk under the viaduct for his Eagle Scout project.

#### **New Business:**

Josh Stull attended the meeting by conference phone. Josh provided an update on Steamtown's historical collections. Recently, Steamtown received Syracuse University's historical railroad collection containing documents from DL&W and Erie railroads. These collections have increased Steamtown's collection by 40 percent and they need help to cataloguing all the material and transcribing correspondence of former DL&W presidents from 1854 to the 1920's. Josh met with Steamtown's archivist, who is willing to work with the Heritage Association should we want to help. Additionally, he is willing to attend a future NHA meeting to discuss collections and help needed in more detail. Josh will follow-up.

Josh provided an update on grants to the group. On September 25, Josh sent the Wyoming County Room Tax Grant application to the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau. This grant is for new brochures highlighting Nicholson, PA; the Nicholson Bridge, the Viaduct Valley Scenic Byway; and the Nicholson Heritage Association. In terms of grants for the DL&W railroad station, we will find out in October if we received a DCNR grant for a feasibility study. A feasibility study is needed in order to apply for state/federal funding.

It was suggested that we have photos printed and framed to sell in the stores and events.

Lisa Mihalina reported on Trees and Trains celebration will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Heritage will have a table on the street to sell items and solicit new members.

Bridge Day: Marion thanked George Barbolish and Joan Irion Jenkins for settings up the booth for the Heritage on Bridge Day. Lorraine Schmidt, Joan Irion Jenkins and Marion Sweet work at the booth.

Next meeting will be October 24, 2012.

A motion was made by Barb Pompey and second by Jody Nichols for the meeting to be adjourned. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Irion Jenkins