

Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Methodist Church
November 18, 2009
7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet Chairman with the following people attending: Marion Sweet, Kathryn M. Parkinson, Joan Irion Jenkins, Evelyn Jerauld, Ann Marie Aylesworth, Robert Richards, and Janet Brecht.

Minutes were read from the October 21, 2009 meeting and approved.

No official treasurer's report was given.

Old Business:

Joan Jenkins gave a report for George Barbolish on the sign that will be placed at the Scenic Visitors Site area. The sign will not be completed until the spring of 2010.

Joan Jenkins gave a report for George Barbolish on the Logo for the Heritage Association with sketches in Black and White from Christie Clarke. Ms. Clarke is working on some new designs to be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

Joan Jenkins stated that George Barbolish will have the copies of the photos of the bridge purchase by individuals at Bridge Day at Nicholson Lumber next week.

Marion reported that the "First Station on the Lackawanna Railroad" is going to be reprinted and we will have them to sell soon. The cost from Print Ed is \$9.00 and we will sell the books for \$15.00. An appreciation will appear in the book to Keystone College for allowing us to have them printed at their print shop.

Marion reported that she is working with Print Ed to make new brochures and that should be finished soon. We have 3000 of the old brochures to give out until the new ones are finished.

The new silver Christmas ornaments were presented and everyone was pleased with the results. The ornaments have design of the bridge in blue and will sell for \$10.00.

Marion presented some photos of the bridge to review and see if we would like to see on a post card. Three photos were selected and she will see if Print Ed can do them. Marion also displayed the Woman's Club post cards made from the student's photo contest that was held this summer.

We discussed the hanging of the American Flag on each business building in town. The Heritage Association will purchase them from the Famer Supply for \$11.00. Ann Marie Aylesworth will ask the Son's of American Legion to hang the flags in the spring. It was also decided that the Heritage will replace the flags when needed.

Marion announced that we have the video from 1990 Bridge celebration made for us to sell. Several people took the photos and it includes several structures that are no longer standing. It includes the train excursion on the bridge, the celebration at the bridge with the dignitaries, the parade, and the fireworks from on top of the bridge. If we can have the video made for \$9.00 perhaps we could sell it for \$15.00.

Joan Jenkins chairman for the Heritage Association Scholarship for a Nicholson Senior Student to receive in 2010 discussed some of the changes for the guide lines to be followed. Everyone agreed to proceed with the scholarship in the early spring.

Marion reported that a meeting was held on the future purchase of the Train Station in Nicholson. Marion Sweet, Josh Stull and Bill Irion had a meeting with Erin Hammerstedt, Shared Field Services, Preservation Pennsylvania. A tour was taken by Marion and Josh on Sunday October 14, 2009 with the owner Al Kwiatkowski. Photos were presented to Erin of the inside of the station. It was suggested that they apply for determination for eligibility on the National Register of Historic Places. This is possible even without owning the building with owner consent. Later that day Marion and Josh had a meeting Mike Angerson, Wyoming Area Specialist, USDA Rural Development. Mr. Angerson stated that the purchase of the station was definitely a doable project. And chances are better if we apply this fiscal year. He also said the loan/grants would not do a feasibility study and gave us a guideline of what they need if a feasibility study is done. He looks forward to working on this and asked to keep him in the loop.

Marion suggested that we dedicate one hour of the 2011 year of Bridge Day to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Nicholson Post Office. She asked everyone to try and find any old photos or articles on the Post Office so that they can be displayed.

Robert Richards suggested that we have some of the old photos of business, homes and articles copied and display them in business and public buildings in town. We all agreed that this was a great idea and that we will consider it for a future project.

New Business:

Marion stated that the NBPA is doing a wonderful job with advertising for the Businesses in Nicholson. Everyone agreed that the NBPA Logo was appropriate for the organization. We all agreed that the Nicholson Heritage Association will join the NBPA in March.

Marion announced that the New/Business Award was won by Lochens Market for all of the improvements done to the outside of the store.

Marion stated that Josh Stull would like to do News letter-on the web-twice a year.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 24, 2010.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Irion Jenkins, Secretary