

**Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Presbyterian Church
October 26, 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, Kay Parkinson, Marie Mihalina, Donna Manzur, Nancy Logan, Jeffrey Logan, and Curt Stevens.

Minutes were reviewed from the September 28, 2010 meeting and approved and everyone that attended received a copy for their records.

Treasurer's report was given by Joan Jenkins for Rick Lochen. Bank balance in checking account is \$17,117.88, CD balance is \$9,880.90. The fundraiser account for the Freight Station is \$3,608.01

Old Business:

Rick Lochen is working on purchasing the Freight Station from the present owners and we hope to finalize the purchase by the end of 2011. Rick also has the station fundraising letters to go out to businesses and professional people but he is waiting for a few addresses that are needed.

Rick Lochen will serve as the fundraiser chairman. He will have a meeting in the near future with the committee and suggested that we have a list of all of the individuals and businesses that we will send letters to. We do not want to have duplicates letters sent.

We discussed ideas for future fundraisers such as. Kay Parkinson suggested that we do a cook book of old recipes. It was also mentioned that perhaps Craig Smith would sponsor his annual golf tournament for the Heritage Association. To have an open house with the past and present picture of buildings in Nicholson and charge a donation. It was also suggested that we wait until we own the station and have it in the station. Curt Stevens suggested that we have a dance on the occasion of Valentine's day or for the bridge birthday on November 6th next year.

Marion reported on the photo of the 150 men working on the bridge. Mowry Studio had to delay their work on the photo because of all the graduation photos that they have at this time of the year. We ordered three 6 ½ by 30 inches pictures and the cost will be \$60.00.

Marion also reminded us of the open house that the Lathrop Township Historical Society will hold at Grange Hall at Lakeside on November 14, 2010 at 1:30pm to 4:00pm. Pictures of then & now of buildings in Nicholson and surrounding area.

New Business

Marion announced that Josh Stull has the grant forms ready to be sent for the Pepsi Grant on Nov 1, 2010. Josh has been working on this grant for \$250,000.00 for the station. We all wish to thank Josh for all of the work that he has done and is doing for the Heritage and Nicholson.

Marion discussed refurbishing the bulletin board under the bridge. Nance & Jeff Logan helped Marion with the pictures and other things that needed to be done to the board. Marion also suggested that we plan to replace the whole sign next year because it is in the state of repair.

Marion suggested that the committee of Tim Hortman, Donna Manzur, Nancy Logan, Joan Jenkins, and Marion Sweet meet after the meeting to select photos to be made into post cards. We decided to wait until next meeting to gather more photos and also to get prices from Curt Stevens and other companies.

A discussion was held on the Christmas Train ride to be held on November 27, 2010 on the bridge at about 7:15pm. We decided that we would not do the basket raffle because only a few stores will be open and most of the people come to see the train and will not be going on Main Street. We will do the basket raffle later this winter and Tim suggested that we advertise the baskets and start selling tickets a few months before drawing.

Curt Stevens stated that we should apply for a grant for National Parks in relations to the Nicholson Bridge and see if we are eligible. He also suggested that we should contact the Canadian Pacific Railroad representatives and perhaps we could work together. Curt also made a suggestion to invite the Canadian Pacific Railroad representative to the Heritage Association meetings.

Jeff Logan was asked to explained to the member that were not present at the last meeting when he offered to make a wood sculpture of the bridge and two trains one vintage train and a new train. The size of the sculpture will be 20ft.long 3ft.high and 1 1/2ft. wide. Jeff is a beautiful wood sculpture and he would like to donate this to the Heritage Association for the new station. He would like the dedication done in the year 2015 for the 100th year celebration of the bridge. Jeff stated that it will take at least four years to

do and asked if any one has wood to donate or other supplies needed to complete this project he would be grateful.

Reminders:

Bulletin Board on Route 11

2011 Post Office 200 years-Bridge Day Program.

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The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 30, 2010. at 7:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Irion Jenkins, Secretary