

Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Borough Building
October 21, 2009
7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet Chairman with the following people attending: Marion Sweet, Kathryn M. Parkinson, Tim Hortman, Joan Irion Jenkins, June Bush, Shirley Cole, Karin Wellings, Janet Brecht, Alice Powers, and Phil Swank.

Minutes were read from the September 23, 2009 meeting and approved.

No official treasurer's report was given.

Old Business:

Marion presented a train Christmas ornament from Curt Stevens. It was discussed and majority was not in favor. The majority would like a light weight and a customer designed replica of a steam engine with a name on it. It was decided for this year we could or another round glass silver ornament with a picture of the bridge on it.

A discussion was held on the sign to be placed at the Scenic Site on Route 11 and George Barbolish is working on that project. Dawn Bell did contact the State Highway Dept. and permission was granted for the sign and the placement of the sign. George reported to Marion that work is in progress and it should be completed by the end of October.

George Barbolish sent five different Logo designs to be reviewed. Members expressed a desire to have a design of the bridge with a locomotive on the bridge. Marion will discuss this issue with George and ask him to have more designs for the next meeting.

Joan Jenkins reported on the Scholarship requirements. Kay Parkinson suggested a few more qualifications to be added and we will discuss and finalize it in future meeting. Tim Hortman, Janet Brecht, and Kay Parkinson agreed to be on the committee.

Phil Swank from the Viaduct Valley Scenic By Way started 1998. Spoke to our group and suggested some ideas to promote more publicity. He will contact Josh Stull to perhaps have some information and the Scenic By Way program and add it to our website. He also suggested that we contact PennDOT to install signs locating the bridge.

Marion presented new brochures that are in the beginning stages. The brochures have many pictures of the different stages of the building the bridge from 1912 to completion in 1915. Print Ed sent several different colors to select from and a few different designs. Tim Hortman suggested we do a four fold instead of a three fold so we can have written directions and address on how to locate the area.

Marion presented the reprint of "The First Station on the Lackawanna Railroad" book. Everyone approved the reprinting by Print Ed with a few changes. It was suggested by Tim Hortman that the Heritage Association was printed in the book because we are doing the reprinting and also a few changes to the index.

Marion presented the three post cards printed by the Women's Club with different view of the bridge.

The American Flags will be purchased by the Heritage Association and mounted on each business building on the Main Street of Nicholson. Ann Marie Aylesworth 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 guidelines are the same and that we must present the event with the Postal Department with details ten weeks before the event.

New Business:

Barbara Stutzman Mack's dad donated the Billy Club that her father kept behind the counter in case of problems in his restaurant located in the fifties on the Lackawanna Trail across from the station. She also donated a book "Care of Babies".

Marion presented a letter opener given to the Nicholson Heritage Association for their support and loan of \$1,000.00 when the Wyoming County Fair first started. Each year we receive a small gift of appreciation.

Marion announced that the DVD of the seventy fifth anniversary of the bridge is now on sale at the Farmer Supply for \$15.00.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Irion Jenkins, Secretary