

Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Borough Building
September 23, 2009
7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Marion Sweet Chairman with the following people attending: Marion Sweet, George Barbolish, Kathryn M. Parkinson, Joan Irion Jenkins, Alice Powers, and Shirley Cole, Evelyn Jerauld, Ann Marie Aylesworth, Robert Richards, Tim Hortman, Curt Stevens

Minutes were read from the August 26, 2009 meeting and approved.

No official treasurer's report was given because Rick Lochen was absent from the meeting. Shirley Cole reported that we made \$339.00 from the sales on Bridge Day. Shirley made a deposit of \$484.65 for the month.

Old Business:

Marion reported that we received 297 signatures for the stamp. Kay Parkingson collected 40 signatures at the marker location from people watching the train excursion on the bridge on Saturday September 12, 2009. Marion reported that we have total signatures of over 650.

George Barbolish reported on the sign that will be placed at the Scenic Visitors Site area in Nicholson with information and pictures of the bridge. George stated that Dawn Bell reported to him that the site is an approved area to locate the sign. George will work with Ed Rejrat on the construction of the sign.

George Barbolish reported on the Logo for the Heritage Association with sketches in Black and White from Christie Clarke. We are very happy with the sketches presented. George will have Christie do a few more different designs with color. The colored design logo with the bridge will look nice on a tee shirt. We hope to decide on a logo design soon.

Marion reported that she is working with Print Ed to make new brochures.

New Business:

Marion read a letter from Michel Spenard Manager Public Affairs. from Canadian Pacific Railroad commending the Heritage Association on the bridge on the stamp for 2015. Attached is the letter.

The Christmas ornaments were discussed and Curt Stevens will bring samples in for the next meeting. We would like to have some for the Christmas Holidays to sell.

Marion asked everyone to bring pictures in that they would like to see on a post card. We also discussed that the Woman's Club did have post cards made from the student's photo contest that was held this summer.

Bridge Day September 13, 2009 was a big success and that everyone was happy with the signatures that were collected and the sales of memorabilia.

The website was discussed and it was suggested by Tim Hortman to make the map smaller on the site and use more pictures.

We discussed the 100th Anniversary of the bridge in the year 2015 and some of the things that we need to do. Also we suggested to Curt Stevens that we have the bud vases made for the Heritage to sell along with any other ideas that Curt or anyone can suggest.

Marion suggested again that the Heritage Association purchase American Flags for each business to hang in front of their businesses. The flags with be 3X5 and we are asking for prices from The Farmer Supply, Nicholson Lumber, and Curt Stevens. Mayor Ann Marie Alyesworth said that there may be problem with the placing of the flags... She will check with the Council and report back to us at the next meeting.

Marion reported the Print Ed will be able to reprint Garford Williams's book from 1990 with a spiral closure. She will meet with him soon and will report on it at our next meeting.

Marion asked if we should 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 \$10.00 perhaps we could sell it for \$15.00. We all agreed that it will be a great idea. It was suggested that we order 50 copies to start and that we can order more later.

Marion asked that Joan Jenkins to be the chairman for the Heritage Association Scholarship for a Nicholson Senior Student to receive in 2010. We will need to get information as to what the criteria will be for the recipient. More discussion will be held at our next meeting.

Marion reported that she talked to Phillip Swank of Endless Mountain.org. spoke on the PA Scenic By Way's and that the Tunkhannock Viaduct in 1915 One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and the Starucca Bridge in 1848 cost Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars.

A discussion was held on the first Post Office in Nicholson:

#1 Bacontown in 1811.

#2 Saxton House in Bacontown

#3 Freight Station on Rt 11

#4 Dr. Alexander's Old Office Bldg.

#5 Tallman Bldg on Main Street

We are going to have a celebration on Bridge Day 2011 honoring the Post Office 200 years in Nicholson PA... Tim Hortman will chair the committee. We will discuss details at the next meeting.

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.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 21, 2009.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Irion Jenkins, Secretary