

**Nicholson Heritage Association
Nicholson Presbyterian Church
Sept, 28 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, Ann Marie Aylesworth, Marie Mihalina, Francine Kiryluk, Alice Powers, Patricia McFarland, Jerry Wickizer, Matt Myers, Donna Manzur, Nancy Logan, and Jeffrey Logan.

Minutes were reviewed from the August 31, 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 \$16,922.04 CD balance is \$9,880.90 and total cash is \$28,910.95. The fundraiser account for the Freight Station is \$2,108.01

Old Business:

Donations given for the Freight Station are as follows M & R Trucking, Pastor Margaret Hartmann, Lech's, Michael Skumanich, Nicholson Alumni Association, Richard Mackey, Cheryl Nordahl Wilcox, Norman Jean Kornegay, Mrs. Leta Farnham, Mrs. Linda Rood, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Oakley, June Bush, Jean Bowman, Helen Saxton, Cinda & Mark Novitch, Methodist Church Mission Group, United Methodist Women, and the Nicholson Women's Club.

Tim Hortman displayed some of his logo designs. We will discuss the logos that George Barbolish presented and Tim's at the next meeting.

Bridge Day reported by Marion with sales over \$700.00 and winner of the picture donated by Nancy Smith was Kristi Sincavich. The winner of the Heritage basket was Wendy Hoffman. Marion received the original Nicholson book donated by MVC Construction. We also received a picture of "Three Lanterns" donated by Joanne Woodward. Kay Parkinson will explain the picture at the next meeting.

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. After the purchase then we can discuss Federal Grants because State Grants are band at this time by Governor Rendell.

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 letter to. We do not want to have duplicates letters sent.

We discussed ideas for future fundraisers such as. Francine Kiryluk suggested again to selling 50/50 tickets at Rivenburg Auction House and she talked Jane Decker and she said that she will check on the dates and suggest what to do. It was suggested that we do a sale once a month and sell tickets for 3 for a dollar and have the drawing before the end of the auction.

New Business:

Jerry Wickizer and Matt Myers suggested that we have a Paranormal Investigation walk starting at the Hotel Nivert and continue through town, over the footbridge to the stone church and then to the old school grounds and ending at the cemetery. as a fundraiser and donate all of the funds toward the stations funds. It was discussed that the Counsel and Cemetery Association would not allow this because of insurance purposes.

We discussed having a Paranormal Investigation for a small amount of people in the back room of the Farmer Supply at the same time of the Christmas Train Ride.

Marion discussed refurbishing the bulletin board under the bridge. Marie, Nance & Jeff will help Marion with the pictures and other things that need to be done to the board.

Lathrop Township Historical Genealogical Society will hold and open house on November 14, 2010 at 1:30pm at the Grange Hall at Lakeside.

Marion will attend the Endless Mountains Heritage Region annual events on October 14 & 15, 2010. Marion will meeting the group at the visit of the bridge on October 14, 2010 and will donate five of our books "Bridge Was Built". A motion was made by Joan Jenkins and second by Francine Kiryluk to donate the books and all were in favor.

Marion received a visit from 6 ladies from the Philadelphia area. The ladies brought several pictures of their grandfather. One lady identified a picture of her grandfather that worked on the building of the bridge but could not find his picture on the large picture of 150 employees of the railroad. Marion reported that a total of 500 men worked on the bridge over a three year span.

Marion asked if we would like to have pictures made of the 150 men who worked on the bridge. It was suggested that we have three 6 ½ by 30 inches pictures made for \$60.00. Joan made the motion to have the pictures to be made and Francine seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Marion suggested that we have new post cards made and that a committee be selected to take charge of the selections of photographs. The committee will be Tim, Donna, Nancy, Joan and Marion. Marion will check with some companies for prices.

A discussion was held on the Christmas Train ride to be held on November 26, 2010 on the bridge at about 6:45pm. Some of the stores will be open in town that evening. Kay Parkinson suggested to Marion earlier to have a basket raffle. Francine Kiryluk agreed with the suggestion of Kay's that we have baskets made and chances sold and the drawing done on that evening. We had eight people at the meeting agree to donate baskets for the drawing. Francine will ask others to donate baskets also. Ann Marie Aylesworth volunteered to have the front room of the restaurant in town open for the display and sale of the baskets. If anyone is interested please contact Kay Parkinson for the basket donations.

Marion reported that Chuck Litwin and Bill Irion have railroad items and would like to donate them to the Heritage Association for the Station.

Ann Marie introduced Nancy & Jeff Logan and one of the reasons that they were at the meeting was for Jeff to offer 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 have wood to donate or other supplies needed to complete this project he would be grateful.

Reminders:

2011 Post Office 200 years-Bridge Day Program.

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The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 26, 2010.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Irion Jenkins, Secretary