

Rose Hill Historical Society Minutes
May 4, 2016, 7:00 pm @ Pleasant Center School
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President Keith Cox called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. In attendance were VP Janis Linot, Treasurer Marion Futhey, members Cathy Pickett, Becky Rierson, Trevor Johnson, Janis Linot, Tom Linot, Daryl Futhey, Rhonda Cooper, Jamie Brazda, Virginia Alley, Mark Alley, Martin Herbers, Rebecca Linot, Craig Linot, stand-in Secretary Cindy Bradford and visitor Liam O'Dell. Secretary Janie Barnard was absent with prior notice.

Janis Linot and a second by Rierson approved the agenda and minutes after a motion. Marion Futhey handed out the financial report and presented a \$12,921.68 in the general fund and \$2,328.65 in the Construction Account. It was approved after a motion from Rierson and a second from Pickett

Committee Reports netted miscellaneous information about the regular functioning of the museums proper. Marion Futhey reported the Cowboy speaker night netted approximately \$1,557. Chris Cakes owner, Kathy Xenos donated her entire expenses and fees and was gifted a lifetime membership. Rick Wagner completed the HVAC installation in the main museum and came in under budget at \$5,000. He too was given a membership gift.

Cox reported a gift of items from Doc Cox. They are miscellaneous household items from his mother. Gloria Cox took them home to clean them up for display.

Richard Albright delivered a hand-painted plate decorated by Dorothy Albright, his mother. She began painting about 1960 when she was 50 years old. He reported she took lessons from Florance Barnes of Douglass and continued painting for 20 years until she died of cancer. The group is in the hunt for a picture of Ms Albright to display with her artwork. Marion Futhey brought in the preacher's pulpit from the Methodist Church.

Annie Futhey, member and daughter of Daryl Futhey, continues her lessons on how to enter the items donated to the museum. They are being numbered and catalogued for future reference and hopefully future digital downloads.

Archivist Pickett asked if she could add the Rock-It newspaper from the high school to our archives. Members were very anxious to see that.

Bradford continues the search for grants and reported she is anxious for any help that any others wish to provide. She would write the grants if anybody could locate a possible benefactor. There are many grants to research, but many the local museums would not qualify to receive or they are for something other than building.

Rierson reported her mixed feelings about the Cowboys and Flapjacks evening. She was exceedingly pleased with the turnout, yet was hoping to net closer to \$3,000. She said the pancake supper went great, but the auction was slow and few bids were made. She is looking into other ideas, including an old-time 50's dance, raffling a beef bundle, raffling off \$1,000 and other ideas. She is open to ideas and any help anyone wishes to offer. Overall, she thought it was a good night for her first event.

The fireworks team of Rhonda Cooper and Daryl Futhey are hoping to lower the price of fireworks this year. We are losing a lot of local business to out-of-town stands. This year they will increase our inventory and cut prices. The membership showed approval.

Austin Farber was named the recipient of the Jack Carr Memorial Scholarship. \$500 of the fireworks money goes to this scholarship. The remaining money is split between the Historical Society and the 5 groups helping run the stand. President Cox said he feels this is a great way to give back to the community and especially the young people of Rose Hill.

The group was reminded the annual Alumni Banquet would be held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 28. Price for the meal and program and to help fund the Alumni Association Scholarship will be \$17. Reservations should be made by Monday, May 23. The class of 1966 will host. They have reserved Pleasant Center School for Friday evening for final plans and a reunion.

Bradford will complete the paperwork for the Butler County Finance gift. It is due May 15.

The group looked at the bids, plans and ideas for the building to be built adjacent to the Museum. Mark Alley had drawn detailed plans for a 40x60' building that when completed would include a genealogy lab, restroom, small kitchen, 40x28' upstairs storage, 20x40' "banquet" room and a 28x40' exhibit room and workshop. The bids collected earlier did not meet the criteria for such a building. Daryl moved and Pickett seconded the committee secure bids on Mark's designs including only the shell and cement work. Next month the group will vote on the bids and decide on borrowing the needed capital to complete this phase of the project.

Cathy Pickett moved and Tom Linot seconded the meeting adjourn at 8:50 pm.