

**MIDDLETOWN FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2010 MEETING
HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by President, Jake Smith. Present were Jake Smith, Art Brown, Martha Minnick, Steve Holmes and Brank DeBruhl. The minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting were read by Secretary, Steve Holmes and approved as presented. The financial report was presented by Treasurer, Art Brown and approved.

Committee Reports:

Potato Luncheon: The date for the Primary Election Potato Luncheon is May 1, 2010. Committee will report as date nears.

Car Show: The date for this year's Car Show is August 14, 2010.

Old Business:

War Memorial Committee: Lisa and Steve will create working drawings so that we can shop materials and contractors. Steve suggested that we work on a spring grant to cover material expenses.

Bell Tower Walkway: The Park Board has offered to split the cost of paving the walkway around the Bell Tower up to a total expense of \$1000. (\$500 each). Brank will do a work-up on the project. He feels we can do the whole thing for \$1000. It was discussed that we should leave 3 feet between the tower and the walkway for landscaping then make the walkway 4 feet wide.

Cemetery Commission: Brank would like to sponsor markers in local cemeteries. The cost for each is \$130 and the marker would bear the name of the Historical Society as the sponsor. We decided, due to budget constraints, to wait until we receive our annuity monies in the spring.

New Business:

Brank brought a loaned album of Middletown related postcards. Steve will meet with Brank next week and scan each card into our computer so that we have digital copies on file.

Jake reported that Diane Brown has taken a rare copy of a book "Fall Creek Township, Henry County, Indiana in the **War of the Rebellion** and the **War With Mexico.**" and had it republished. It was decided to purchase 10 copies of the book for our gift shop.

Jake presented a montage of views of Locust Street postcards made up by Tom Keesling.

We will acquire copies for the Society and some for the gift shop. Jake thinks the cost is about \$40.00 each.

Downtown Middletown has been approved by Indiana State Historic Preservation Commission and has now been forwarded to Washington for Federal approval. This process takes about 2 months.

When Jake took the 2009 Middletown News copies to the state library in Indianapolis to be microfilmed, he learned that the newspapers can be put on disc. He also learned that the 100 years plus microfilms that we have can be transferred to disc. The cost is about \$25.00 per reel. Jake thought we might apply for a grant to do this. We can also have film transferred to DVD.

Adjourned: 8:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 25, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

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**AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2010 MEETING
HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING**

Call to Order:

Minutes of January 28, 2010 Meeting:

Financial Report

Committees:

Potato Luncheon
Car Show

Old Business:

Waters Park Memorial
Bell Tower Walkway
Middletown Postcards

New Business:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: March 26, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.