

MIDDLETOWN FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of February 25, 2010 Meeting
Historical Society Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Jake Smith. Present were Jake Smith, Art Brown, Steve Holmes, Martha Minnick and Brank DeBruhl. The minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting were read by Secretary, Steve Holmes and were unanimously approved. The financial report was presented by Treasurer, Art Brown and were accepted as presented. Jake commented that we must look to tightening our purse strings for a while due to dwindling funds.

Tom Keesling has finished a poster of scenes of Locust Street gleaned from early postcards of Middletown. They will be available from the Historical Society for \$35.00 each.

Committee Reports:

Potato Luncheon: will be held on May 1, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Planning is on auto pilot. Martha will do a raffle for the event.

Car Show: Plans are on hold for now.

Old Business:

Waters Park Memorial: Steve announced that a source has priced limestone for the project. Three pieces, 5 inches thick by 5 feet tall and 4 feet wide would cost nearly \$3000.00. It was learned, however, that if we build the monument in concrete block faced with 2" thick limestone, the cost would be considerably less. Steve has received several inquiries from the American Legion as to cost and schedule for construction of the memorial. Kelly Miller Circus is looking for a sponsor for an engagement in Middletown on May 10, 2010. Sponsorship would entail an investment of nearly \$1000, but could yield between \$2500 and \$5000 in profits for the sponsoring institution. He suggested co-sponsorship with the American Legion with all proceeds going toward the Waters Park Memorial project. Jake stated that, due to liability issues, he would prefer that we did not take the lead in the sponsorship, but that we could certainly assist the American Legion with the event. Steve will approach the American Legion with the proposal.

Belltower Walkway: Brank hasn't had a chance yet to do the measuring around the tower for the concrete walkway.

Middletown Postcard Collection: The collection of cards brought in by Brank on loan was completely scanned and we now have digital copies of all the postcards.

New Business:

Sherman Schoolhouse: Martha spoke to Phil Weber. He is interested in having a structure built over the schoolhouse to protect it from elements. She also learned that he has two schoolhouse bells. He also has a complete history of the Sherman family.

Chili Dinner: Brank proposed a Chili Dinner sometime in March. Brank would prepare the dinner: Chili, hotdogs, and chili dogs. We will plan the event for March 13, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Henry County Community Foundation Grants: Spring grant applications are due in March. We have three potential projects: 1) having our microfilm transferred to discs, 2) the walkway around the bell tower, 3) and the Waters Park Memorial replication. The microfilm can be done at any time. The walkway costs will be shared by the Parks Department and we can do much of the labor ourselves. It was decided that we write our spring grant for the limestone costs involved with the replication of the Waters Park Memorial. The grant workshop is March 10 and the grant applications are due March 31.

Adjournment: 7:56 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

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Agenda for March 26, 2010 Meeting
Historical Society Building

Call to Order:

Minutes of February 25, 2010 Meeting:

Financial Report:

Committees:

Potato Luncheon:
Car Show

Old Business:

Waters Park Memorial
Bell Tower Walkway
Chili Luncheon
HCCF Grant

New Business:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: April 22, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.