

**MIDDLETOWN FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2011 MEETING  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President, Buster Johnson. Present were: Buster Johnson, Jake Smith, Steve Holmes, Martha Minnick, and Me1 Sayford. The minutes of the September 22, 2011 meeting was presented by Secretary, Steve Holmes and was approved. The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer, Jake Smith and was approved.

### **Committee Reports**

- Display and Acquisition: Brank has displayed his antique toy collection at the Society. The 100 year old Cadiz school clock is now on display, also. Buster has located an interurban train seat. It's in fine condition.
- Speakers: Buster mentioned that Kathryn Reddington has two programs she'd like to present in the spring; General Custer and Amelia Earhart. We also have Thomas Hamm on November 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. to speak on anti slavery movements in Henry County.
- Potato Luncheon: Net receipts for the Baked Potato Luncheon were \$115.25. Martha announced that everybody had a good time.
- Waters Park Memorial: We are waiting for the County Commissioners to make their decision about which organizations will receive grant monies from the County food and beverage tax. If we receive the grant money we applied for, we will be able to construct the memorial in the spring.

### **Old Business**

- Newspaper Archives: Jake has picked up the completed DVD reproductions. Steve expressed concern about the possible theft of these discs and suggested that we keep them under lock and key. They would be accessible, one disc at a time. Martha mentioned that there is now a "sign out" book next to the side entrance. Anything taken from the building by anyone, must be signed out with a projected date the item will be returned. Me1 said that the card file we need for genealogy could accommodate the DVD collection. Jake hasn't received the bill for the reproduction yet, but expects the grant for \$2000 to pretty much cover it.
- History Book Edit: Steve is still plowing through the newspaper archives. He has found several items to be included in the book.
- Shenandoah Cat's Meow: Jake has all the materials put together and is ready to be sent out.
- Fire Truck: The 1940's Howe fire truck and antique hose cart which we thought belonged to the Historical Society, actually belong to the Fire Department. Steve has also learned from the insurance carrier that there is no reason we cannot display the truck inside our building.
- Shredder: Jake purchased a new crosscut shredder for our use.

### **New Business**

- Jake has received the new shelf supports and the new door alarm. He also has acquired some sales slip books for gift shop sale items.
- Jake received word from the man who recertifies our fire extinguishers that the chemical element in the range hood in the kitchen is overdue change. It must be changed every 10 years

or as necessary. We are overdue, but he let it go until next year. The cost to replace the chemical is \$250.00.

- Next year is our 25th anniversary. Jake asked if we want to order any pencils, pens, envelope labels. We may want to have shirts made to commemorate the anniversary.
- We need to appoint a nominating committee for next years officers. Buster will have a slate of officers ready for our next meeting.
- Me1 is transferring some of our VCR tapes to DVD.
- Buster recommended that we sell nuts as a fundraiser. The American Legion Auxiliary already sells nuts. The annual Honors Dinner for our volunteers will be on December 18,201 1 at the Civic Center. Steve announced that it will be his last. He's hanging up his apron.

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 1,201 1 - 7:00 p.m. Historical Center