

Minutes of Grant County Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Monthly Meeting- Marion Library

The June 2023 Historical Society meeting was held at the Marion Library. President Travis convened at 6:20pm. There 14 members & guests present, including 3 officers. Pledge of Allegiance was offered. The May Society meeting minutes & financial report were distributed. Rhonda Stoffer moved for approval; Stan Steiner seconded. Motion passed. Club has a balance in May of \$6,357.14

President Travis opened the meeting by asking for Committee reports.

Renee Bissell-Cole stated the Program Committee has scheduled a program on women suffragettes in August. Bill Munn will give a second presentation on Grant Co. history in October. Local school history programs have been contacted to increase awareness of the Society.

The Newsletter is always seeking research & story submissions.

In Unfinished Business:

An outreach opportunity was presented for the Society to have a table at the Grant Co. Farmers Market anniversary on July 8. There is no cost to non-profit groups. President has completed an application, and volunteers will be sought to man the table.

In New Business:

Sign up for Show & Tell is open in June and July.

The Save Our Stories "Behind Closed Doors" downtown tour was held on June 16. They reported approximately 85 in attendance. The Marion Quilters will hold an ice cream benefit on 6-25 at the historic train depot. On 6-24, the library will host a lecture on background of the Hostess House.

The June program was our first "show & tell". John Bradley showed a pocket watch that his great-grandfather acquired. His grandfather was the last to actually carry it. Lila Milford showed a meat fork souvenir from the Chicago Stockyard. It was given to her as a child. Janice Miller showed dishes from her grandfather that were passed down as gifts. Ruthann showed a cast iron mechanical bank. While little was known about it, it may have been a children's toy or handed out as a gift for opening a new account. Travis showed part of his collection of mourning ribbons from the GAR. They were handed out upon members' death.

President Travis adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm. Next meeting will be July 21st at the library.

Respectively:

Bob Miller
secretary