

Minutes of Grant County Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Monthly Meeting- Marion Library

The July 2023 Historical Society meeting was held at the Marion Library. President Travis convened at 6:20pm. There 22 members & guests present. All officers were present. Pledge of Allegiance was offered. The June Society meeting minutes were distributed. They were corrected to show the July meeting as being the 19th. After correction, the minutes were approved. The financial report was distributed with motion to pass. Club has total assets as of 7-19 of \$8,582.58.

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. This will be in honor of the 103rd anniversary of women receiving the right to vote. In September, Cathy Shouse (local author) will present a history of Fairmount. Bill Munn will give a second presentation on Grant County in the Civil War in October. Local school history programs have been contacted to increase awareness of the Society.

Renee has learned that member Juanita Rapp is living locally in an assisted living facility. She cannot accept visitors, but requested a copy of newsletter.

The Newsletter is always seeking research & story submissions. Steve Collum & Pat Cline each submitted pieces in July. Thank you.

In Unfinished Business:

Members had a table at the Grant Co. Farmers Market anniversary on July 8. Although this was an anniversary event, the market is open every Saturday.

In New Business:

The Indiana Room is taking volunteers for indexing work. Rhonda Stoffer says quite a bit needs to be done.

Society has been invited to have a table at the Pettiford Weaver Business Expo on August 19th from 12pm to 4pm. The \$40 donation was approved. Volunteers are needed to serve.

Discussion was held to form a committee investigating additional placement of historical markers. Locations in Fairmount and on the Wheeling Pike were mentioned.

The Van Buren Pop Corn festival has opening for volunteers to be in their parade. Members may walk or ride with the Society banner. Vice president will coordinate the list.

Ruthann advised that the DAR & Honor Flight will host meetings to honor Viet Nam veterans. The first meeting will be August 15th at the Library from 11am to 2pm. The second meeting will be at Indiana Wesleyan University on August 19th. The time has yet to be announced.

The July program was our second "show & tell".

Emily Morris showed a bottle opener from her father's store and a quilt from her great grandmother.

Dave Homer showed a toy metal airplane that he had played with as a child. It was probably first available in the 1930s in Dayton OH. He thought it was purchased locally in Hartford City or Marion.

Renee Bisell-Cole showed a women's wool/silk blend shawl from approximately 1817. It has been in the family for 8 generations, going back to Susanna Tup. She also showed an antique tractor part from her grandfather used as a paper weight.

Jackie Steiner showed a watch assembly from approximately 1812. The watch maker is stamped as P. Pryor in London England.

Bob Miller showed a book from his grandfather's library. The book is in German script, and is a history of Menno Simmons, founder of the Mennonite church.

President Travis adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm. Next meeting will be August 16th at the library.

Respectively:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Miller".

Robert Miller

Secretary