

Minutes of Grant County Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Monthly Meeting- Marion Library

The October 2023 Historical Society meeting was held at the Marion Library. President Travis LeMaster convened at 6:15 pm. There were 17 members present. Three officers were present. Pledge of Allegiance was offered. The September Society meeting minutes were distributed. After review, the minutes were approved. The financial report was distributed with motion to pass. Club has total assets as of 10-18 of \$8,202. 18.

New Committee reports were presented:

- **Membership:**
 - New membership forms have been received.
 - Annual dinner will be April 17, 2024. Dinner will be open to the public. Bob Sander, co-founder of Storytelling Arts of Indiana will be the featured speaker.
- **Programming**

Cathy Shouse will present *History of Fairmount* at the September 2024 meeting. The 2023 presentation was postponed due to illness.
- **Publications**

Newsletter will be available next week.
- **Outreach:** The Matter Park Fall Fest on October 21 was discussed, but no one was available. Bob Miller visited the event & advised Travis. It was mainly a children's activity. Formation of a parade committee to review Society entries in 2024 area parades was discussed. We will review at the next meeting.
- **Executive:** No activity

Unfinished Business: the GAR Civil War Veterans Monument in Swayzee was reviewed and remains tabled pending further investigation. Travis has it on his agenda.

New Business:

- Society has been invited by the Wells Co. Historical Society to visit their clubhouse in Bluffton. Agreement to accept the offer. We scheduled the visit to Wells Co. Historical society on December 3 at 2pm.
- On Nov 30, Gas City Brewing will host a Trivia Nite at 7pm. Society is invited.

- A committee was formed to review a list of possible historical markers in Grant Co. GJ Kilgren will chair. Renee requested members submit a list of possible locations.

Next meeting will be November 15th. Jim Brunner will speak on *History of Marion Basketball*.

County Historian Bill Munn spoke on the Settlement of Grant County. He presented two resources for further review: *History of Grant County*, by Branton Fuller, and *The Golden Age of Marion*, by Steve Burnish.

- Closing:
 - Travis gaveled the meeting to close at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully,



Robert Miller

Secretary