

Minutes of Grant County Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Monthly Meeting- Marion Library

The September 2023 Historical Society meeting was held at the Marion Library. Vice President Angie convened at 6:20 pm. There were 15 members & 2 guests present. Three officers were present. Pledge of Allegiance was offered. The August 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 9-20 of \$8,182.33.

New Committee reports were presented:

- **Membership:**
 - One of the guests requested a membership form.
 - There are a number of outreach opportunities coming up where new members can be solicited.
 - 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**

Bill Munn will present Part 2 of his Grant County history lecture at the October meeting. Cathy Shouse will present History of Fairmount at the November meeting.
- **Publications**

Discussion on future steps concerning the Grant County history book. Feeling is that a second volume should be started to bring the volume up to date. Renee is seeking volunteers to research & write a "Today in History" post for the newsletter. Articles from members are still needed for the newsletter.
- **Outreach:** Society will be at the Matter Park Fall Fest on October 21. Sign up to staff the booth.
- The Farmers Market has free booth space for the Society in October. Volunteers are needed.
- **Executive:** No activity

Unfinished Business: Travis had submitted an email about the Society offering to help repair the GAR Civil War Veterans Monument in Swayzee. This will involve considerable expense. The item was tabled pending further investigation.

New Business:

- Society has been invited by the Wells Co. Historical Society to visit their clubhouse in Bluffton. Agreement to accept the offer. We will attempt to schedule the visit on December 3.
- The Gas City Brewery has invited the Society to attend their Trivia Night. They have requested we submit a list of trivia items for their contest. Agreement to accept. Volunteers will work with Renee & Rhonda to prepare questions.

Since the program was cancelled due to illness, time was offered to our guests to present the projects in which they are involved. Jay Jackson presented his Downtown Marion Walking Tour. He is working on a website which could be accessed by bar codes at sites of interest. The site would include dining downtown, historic buildings, famous citizens. A new walking tour map would be available. Mark Harris is visiting Marion from Arizona. He is doing genealogy research on his family members who settled in Gas City & Jonesboro working as tin smiths. He has traced his family roots back to the 1300s in England.

- Closing:
 - Angie gaveled the meeting to close at 8:20 pm. Next meeting with be on October 18, 2023, at Marion Library.

Respectfully,



Robert Miller

Secretary