

20 NOV 2024: MINUTES

GRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sarah Evans called the meeting to order 6:32 pm. And led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes: motion to approve Tina Lizar 1st, Rhonda Stoffer 2nd.

Treasurer's report: moved to February meeting

Business old and new:

Marker placement and funds: G.J. reported an Indiana Historical marker for Martin Boots was denied as they do not issue markers for founders or "firsts." The committee decided to create their own marker with the promised donations, which total in excess of \$1,000. They may choose Martin Boots, but also pitched Stretch Murphy or Pipe Creek.

County flag: Discussion about getting a prototype and selling by pre-order only. The notion was table until further discussion could be had in 2025.

Fall Fest: was very well attended. The mayor stopped by, and all flyers were disseminated. Felt this was a worthy use of our time to reach the community.

Planning Workshops: Oct and Nov- It was a good start, however, another meeting is necessary to move from talking about plans to getting them on the calendar. Plan to hold a third workshop in early spring.

Gas City drive through: need volunteers. Tina will get dates and send an email out.

Events, future: Looking into getting a history related tchotchke/ freebie to give away at events. Tina presented several options for future events: Upland Strawberry festival, Van Buren Popcorn festival, Sweetser (ck with Travis LeMaster), Marion, Senior Expo/ Pettiford Weaver/ neighborhood night out/ Farmer's Market (free)/ Fall Fest, holiday parades/floats. Need displays for each event, and volunteers to help make them. Tina is sending out the community calendar spread sheet so all can share their knowledge of community events.

Honoree: for Contribution to Preservation Projects. Issue a certificate and 2 dinner tickets to the annual dinner. Nominees to be discussed at Feb 2025 meeting.

MPL History Center Museum: Needs volunteers. Details will be shared at eh February meeting. Help with school tours, indexing images (thousands), Christmas at the Carnegie November 23 from 1-4, crafts, cocoa, movie-Grinch

Adjourned at 7:32pm

From Renee's notes (Bob was out of town)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'R' and 'E' followed by a stylized flourish.