

**Minutes of the Historical Society of West Point
Planning Board Meeting, July 6, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ty Bland.
The minutes of the May 25, 2010 Planning Board meeting were approved as read.
Treasurer Richard Hosfield reported a balance of \$11,798.74.

Bill Palmer, Publication chairman, reported that there are plans to have a publication ready for an October newsletter.

Avie Williams, Museum Chairperson, reported that the museum project is at a standstill. Ty Bland reported having sent a letter from the Historical Society to the West Point Town Council requesting Town Council appropriate \$125,000 of the proceeds of funds from the cell tower negotiations. He reported receiving a response from Mayor Jim Hudson in a letter stating that the Town Council voted " to provide up to \$10,000 in funding to the Historical Society for the development of a virtual museum over the next twelve months. In addition to displaying the Town's historic past, a virtual website could offer visibility and another means of soliciting support for the Historical Society. In addition, the Council voted to provide to The Historical Society matching funds up to a maximum of \$40,000 over the next three years. All of this funding is contingent upon the Town's receipt of money from CitySwitch."

Jim Dopp offered to ask his daughter to obtain names of possible consultants to help with the website.

It was agreed that Ty would contact Mr. Larry Dillion to discuss possible use of the C&F building as a museum location.

Participation in Crab Carnival was discussed. An application needs to be completed to have a booth. Ideas for fundraising sales at Crab Carnival included the DVD Point of Destiny film, hats, T-shirts, photos and books. Rebecca Bland has been contacted as a possible vendor for embroidering hats and/or T-shirts for us. We will need an agreed upon logo. Lawrence Wood has offered to help us with this. He was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Carol Cunningham offered to explore a wine tasting opportunity. Juanita Cawley offered to explore grant funds through the Olsson Foundation.

Other fundraising ideas offered were raffles, and local Christmas cards or note cards.

Gary Smith, Webmaster, shared that there is a page on Facebook, "The Little Town of West Point" that can be accessed through a link on the Historical Society's, "What's New Page" on our website.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on July 18, 2010. Angela Daniels, known as "Silver Star" will give a presentation on "A Powhatan Perspective of History."

It was agreed that our Planning Boards meetings would now meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on August 3, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Cawley
Recording Secretary

