

Historical Society of West Point

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

October 5, 2010

Jim Dopp called the Board meeting of the Historical Society of West Point to order at 7 PM. Bill Palmer gave the opening prayer.

Richard Hosfield read the Treasurer's report and reported there is a balance of \$11,707.71. He also remarked on receiving a \$100 donation from Franklin Clarke and \$87.50 in donations were received for the magazine Looking Back at Crab Carnival.

Beverly Branch had the invoice for the hats of \$456.26 and she submitted the cash from sales in the amount of \$195.00.

Jim Dopp read the minutes from the previous meeting. Bill Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Sandra Willis.

Jim Dopp provided Avril William's report on the Crab Carnival. We acknowledged that so much of the display was originally Don O'Connor's ideas. The attendees unanimously agreed on the success of the exhibits and how many people spent so much time studying the photos and enjoying the displays. Avril and Penny worked very hard to get items on display. Everyone agreed they did a tremendous job. Ty's car was also a great hit to draw them to the site. 194 people were counted that looked at the exhibits and they know they did not count everyone that visited the exhibits.

The group discussed that there is another Looking Back edition at the Tidewater Review but don't know exactly where. Jim Dopp said he would talk to Robin Lawson and see if they could get access to that edition.

Much discussion ensued concerning hats, bags, and improvements for next Crab Carnival display. Some brainstorming ensued about photos and picture reproductions. It was decided we should not do picture reproductions at this time.

The Quarterly meeting on October 17 was discussed and the need for help to set up the room at 2 PM for the 3 PM quarterly meeting. Randy Turner, a notable archeologist will be the guest speaker. Beverly Branch will set up a sales table for the hats. It was also decided that we will provide a door prize and just let people make whatever donation they like for a ticket. Bev will bring a bag or hat for the door prize. We hope this will generate some interest.

The group discussed refreshments and it was decided Jim would send a message to the group to see if someone will provide the refreshments.

The next topic was fundraising. Bev discussed forming a small group to focus on fundraising.

John Crowder's building was also discussed and the fact that he will give the Historical Society the building, but it must be moved. Other locations were discussed, the old hotel that is for sale and the Beverly Allen building. Fundraising really requires focusing on a building and raising money for a building to create a museum. Juanita Cawley had prepared part of the Olsson applications, but it requires a specific location, therefore, Juanita is unable to proceed with the application at this time.

Jim Dopp read a letter from Congressman Whitman about Library/Museum grants that had a deadline in October. Because we do not have a location, this grant would not be available.

Christmas on the Town. Sandra Willis reported that we had several homeowners offering their homes for tours: Cunningham, Kelly, Boswell, Pillsbury, and the Episcopal Church. The plans are proceeding to have Christmas on the Town and the home tours. We will need volunteers to be hostesses in the houses and sell tickets that day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Willis

Acting Secretary