

**April 15, 2015**

**The Grant County Historical Society members and guests met for the Annual Meeting and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at Sunnycrest United Methodist Church.**

**President Sue Israel welcomed those attending. Kay Dougherty led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**A delicious dinner was served by the Sunnycrest Church United Methodist Women. A moment of reflection was observed before the meal in thankfulness for our many blessings. Following dinner, gratitude was expressed by applause for Sunnycrest Church members who provided the meal.**

**A short business meeting followed. Sue Israel presented the President's Report: During 2014-2015, the schedule of public meetings was changed from monthly to quarterly, but a monthly newsletter (except for December) continued to be issued. The GCHS Annual Meeting on April 9, 2014 featured author Nancy Niblack Baxter who presented a program on *The Wild McClures*. Our annual field trip to Kokomo Opalescent Glass was held on July 16, 2014. On October 15, 2014, speaker Jeannie Regan-Dinius from the DNR discussed Indiana's role in the Underground Railroad. On January 21, 2015, Sue Israel presented a program on the discovery in 1904 of a nearly complete mammoth skeleton in Grant County near Lake Galatia.**

**Minutes by Secretary Sally Bancroft and finance report by Treasurer Margaret Wilson were approved by consensus.**

**Members of the Nominating Committee were Kay Dougherty, Juanita Rapp, and Stan Steiner. Sue Israel as president also served as an ex-officio member and reported that the three-year terms of Kay Dougherty, John Bradley, Jim Dougherty, and Sue Israel expire in April 2015. All these Board members are willing to serve again. The Committee recommended that Kay Dougherty, John Bradley, Jim Dougherty, and Sue Israel be re-elected to the Board for 2015-2018. There were no additional nominations from the floor, and on motion of David Wright, seconded by Stan Steiner, the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee was unanimously approved and elected. Jonie Riddle is the Marion Public Library Appointee for 2015-2016. Sue Israel will continue as Society Historian, and Juanita Rapp will continue as Society Researcher.**

**According to the Bylaws, Board officers will be elected at the May 2015 Board meeting. The Nominating Committee is presently seeking a candidate to recommend for the position of president. The Bylaws limit the term of president to two years, and Sue is not eligible to continue in that position. Sue requested that any recommendations for the office of president in 2015-2016 be given to any member of the Nominating Committee.**

**In addition to those attending the Dinner, twenty additional guests arrived for the program.**

**Stan Steiner introduced George Ironstrack, presenter of our evening program, *Walking a Myaamia Trail Near the Mississinewa River*. Our speaker, Assistant Director in the Education and Outreach Office, Myaamia Center, Miami University, and a citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, has been a student of the Miami language since the 1990s. To begin the program, he spoke briefly and fluently in his native language, and he then reviewed Miami history along the Mississinewa River. The presentation concluded with a variety of questions from the audience, and many expressed appreciation for gaining an increase in both knowledge and understanding. The program was excellent, and appreciation was expressed to our speaker. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sally Bancroft  
Secretary**