

April 18, 2018

The Grant County Historical Society met for the Annual Meeting and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at First United Methodist Church, 624 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana.

President Sue Israel welcomed those attending.

The First United Methodist Church JOY class served a delicious dinner: Meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and homemade ice cream. A moment of reflection was observed before the meal in thankfulness for our many blessings. Gratitude was expressed for the life of Ray Lockwood, who recently passed away. Ray was a dedicated teacher, and he served our community and the Society in many ways. He will be greatly missed.

Following dinner, appreciation was expressed by applause to those who provided the meal.

President Sue conducted the business meeting and reviewed activities during the previous year, which included field trips to Avis Industrial in Upland to view the company's collection of exceptional Western art and a Christmas tour of the Hostess House. Appreciation was expressed to P.J. Culley who arranged both events and also to all who helped make 2017-2018 a successful year.

The Society's Facebook page, featuring many historical photos of Grant County, has continued in popularity. We now have a following of over 2,800 people. Most of the photos are provided by Marion Public Library.

Research is a major purpose of the Society, and the Board welcomes ideas in this area.

Sue expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Grant County Historical Society. She has been a member of the Society's Board of Directors since 1997, over 20 years. Vice-president Kay Dougherty presented to Sue a Certificate of Appreciation for past service.

On motion of David Wright, seconded by Bob Miller, minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved. On motion of Bob McDonald, seconded by Kay Dougherty, the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

The following slate of Board members was unanimously approved and elected for the 2018-2021 term: Joe Blue, John Bradley, Ed Breen, and Kay Dougherty. Ruthann Sumpter is the Marion Public Library appointee for 2018-2019. Board officers will be elected at the May 2018 Board meeting.

Stan Steiner introduced our speaker, Tom Franklin, Portland, Indiana, who presented a program on "David Connor." Attendance included several guests from the community. Mr. Franklin's first-person presentation vividly portrayed the adventure of frontier Indiana. A question and answer session followed the program. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Franklin for his excellent presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Israel  
Society President 2017-2018