

Grant County Historical Society

March 20, 2019

The March meeting was opened by President Robbie Blue. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and filed. The Treasurer has paid our pledge of \$200 to the Hostess House. They have completed the new kitchen floor.

Our annual dinner will be a potato bar at the United Methodist Church. The cost per member will be \$12, with \$8 to the church, and \$4 to the Society. The dinner will be held April 17 at 6pm. Margaret Wilson and Sally Bancroft will greet guests and take dinner and membership payments. It was suggested we make personal phone calls to invite members to the dinner and program. Robbie, Kay and PJ volunteered to do this. The speaker will be Duane Ott presenting a program called Threads of the American Spirit, a history of our American flag.

There was discussion of board members. Juanita Rapp will not be on the board in future. PJ Culley has agreed to do one more year, and Sue Israel has agreed to return to the board. Robbie Blue will check with Steve Sharon and Kathy Humbert. Members of the upcoming board to be announced at the dinner will be: Class of 2019: PJ Culley, Juanita Rapp, Steve Sharon and Margaret Wilson. Class of 2020 will be: Sally Bancroft, Kathy Humbert, Robbie Blue and Stan Steiner. Class of 2021: Joe Blue, John Bradley, Ed Breen and Kay Dougherty. 2018-2019 officers are: President Robbie Blue, Vice President Kay Dougherty, Secretary Sally Bancroft, Treasurer Margaret Wilson, Technical Support and Newsletter: Sue Israel. Program Committee is PJ Culley, John Bradley, Stan Steiner, and Library Liaison Brandon Houser.

Ruthann is retiring as library liaison. She has found a new young employee of the reference department, Brandon Houser, who graduated as a history major from IWU, and hopes to continue on to law school.

Ruthann brought up the "Bicentennial Bison". Grant County does not have one. It is possible for organizations to combine resources to get a bison. We should also check with the bicentennial commission to see whether they have any funds left over that could be put toward a bison.

Suggestions for future programs include Roger Richards of Matthews, on the Covered Bridge Festival, and Suns Out, a company making jigsaw puzzles. The puzzles are made in Kokomo, with the distribution center here.

The next meeting after the annual dinner in April will be May 15 to discuss the July field trip.

Present at this meeting were: Robbie Blue, Margaret Wilson, Kay Dougherty, Stan Steiner, Ruthann, Joe Blue, PJ Culley and Sally Bancroft.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Bancroft