

May 21, 2014

The Grant County Historical Society Board of Directors met at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, in the Conference Room at Marion Public Library. Those present were Sally Bancroft, John Bradley, P. J. Culley, Jim Dougherty, Kay Dougherty, Kathy Humbert, Sue Israel, Bob Miller, Jonie Riddle, Steven Sharon, and Stan Steiner. Those absent were Margaret Wilson and David Wright.

President Sue opened the meeting and reviewed the history of the Grant County Historical Society's lease of artifacts to Marion Public Library. In 1992 the Society and Library executed a Personal Property Lease to loan GCHS artifacts to the Library for display. Although the Society's artifacts, numbering about 3,000, were in poor condition, Library staff were able to restore them for public display. Throughout the years, the Library's Museum has displayed, stored, insured, and cared for the items and has proven to be a good steward of the collection. Now in 2014, over twenty years later, the Library has ownership of over 22,000 artifacts, not including those leased from the Society. The Library's Museum has attained a high degree of community trust. Long-term loans are not considered good museum practice, and ownership of the GCHS collection would assist Library staff in applying for grants.

The following Resolution was introduced by Stan in order to transfer artifacts from the Grant County Historical Society to the local Marion Public Library in order to enhance the Library's chances to obtain grants for artifacts' preservation and display in the best interest of our community:

WHEREAS, the Society owns numerous artifacts which it was unable to adequately display;

WHEREAS, the Library operates a museum in which it was able to display such artifacts suitably;

WHEREAS, the Library and Society previously executed a Personal Property Lease on March 22, 1993, effective August 1, 1992 ("hereinafter referred to as Lease") in which the Society loaned such artifacts to the Library for appropriate display; and,

WHEREAS, in the best interests of the Grant County community, the Society and the Library both desire that the Society's artifacts be transferred permanently to the Library to assure continuing appropriate displays.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant County Historical Society transfer the artifacts described in Exhibit A attached to this Resolution unto the Marion Public Library Board of Trustees pursuant to a separate Assignment of Assets upon payment of \$1.00 and acceptance of said artifacts by the Marion Public Library Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sue Israel, as President, and Stanley Steiner, as Member, are authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and do any acts necessary to complete said artifacts' transfer forthwith.

Stan commented that the Society has no place for display or storage of the artifacts, and discussion followed. On motion of Stan, seconded by Steve, the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The February 19, 2014 minutes, as amended to correct the meeting date, and April 16, 2014 minutes were approved by consensus.

The Treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$8,942.01, was approved by consensus.

The Grant County Historical Society presently has 31 members. The May 2014 GCHS Newsletter was sent to 13 members by mail and to 18 members by email. For the purpose of publicity, the Newsletter is also sent to county organizations and libraries, the county historian, and other interested individuals.

Discussion was held concerning 2014 meetings:

In January, Jeannie Regan-Dinius, DNR, Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology, was scheduled to speak on the Underground Railroad, but was unable to do so because of inclement weather. Sue will invite her to speak at our October meeting.

It was approved by consensus to schedule a field trip on July 16 in place of a regular meeting. Discussion followed, and the Program Committee will check on a trip to Kokomo possibly to see the Opalescent Glass Factory and Elwood Haynes Museum. The trip will include lunch together at noon. The July 16 Board meeting will be held at lunchtime. More information will be forthcoming in the June Newsletter.

Stan reported that there was a strong possibility that George Ironstrack would be willing to speak at the April 2015 Annual Meeting. Mr. Ironstrack, who is fluent in the Miami language, is Assistant Director/Program Director in the Education and Outreach Office, Myaamia Center, Miami University. This program for the 2015 Annual Meeting was approved by consensus.

Filing requirements were met in 2014. Form 990-N has been electronically filed with the federal government to maintain tax-exempt status. A Business Entity Report has been electronically filed with the Indiana Secretary of State; this report is due annually during the anniversary month (April) of an organization's formation.

Correspondence: The Midwestern Roots 2014 Conference will be presented by the Indiana Historical Society on August 1-2 in Indianapolis. The Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair will be presented by the Indiana State Library on October 25, 2014 in Indianapolis.

In the May 2014 GCHS Newsletter there was a picture of the Marion Blue Sox Semi-pro baseball team. John reported that his grandfather was fourth from right in the picture, date c1918-22. The team was originally called the C&H Blue Sox. John will consider an article for the Newsletter about the team. Sue suggested that we each consider articles for either the Newsletter or our Facebook page. This would be a way to individually record our history for the benefit of our community. Other possibilities for articles were considered.

There will be no Board meeting in June. The next meeting will be the Field Trip on July 16, 2014, and the Board meeting will be held at lunchtime.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Bancroft
Secretary