

May 18, 2016

The Grant County Historical Society Board of Directors met at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, in the Conference Room at Marion Public Library. Those present were John Bradley, P. J. Culley, Jim Dougherty, Kay Dougherty, Sue Israel, Kathy Humbert, Juanita Rapp, Jonie Riddle, Steve Sharon, Stan Steiner, and Margaret Wilson. Those absent were Sally Bancroft and Robert Miller.

President Kay Dougherty opened the meeting. Secretary Sally Bancroft was not able to attend; Sue Israel took minutes in her absence. Treasurer Margaret Wilson presented the financial report, which was approved by consensus.

There was an excellent turnout at the Annual Dinner. It was reported that Bill Munn has donated his speaker's fee to Marion Public Library.

An additional 25 Indiana Historical Bureau handouts have been provided to the Indiana Room at Marion Public Library.

The following officers were elected: Kay Dougherty, President; Margaret Wilson, Treasurer. The offices of Vice-President and Secretary will be elected at a later date. P.J. Culley, Stan Steiner, and John Bradley were appointed as Program Committee. Jonie Riddle will continue as Webmaster, and Sue Israel will continue as Newsletter Editor.

A field trip to the Idyl Wyld Roller Palace at 4013 South Meridian Street is scheduled for July 20, 2016. Dorothy Truman will present the program. Notice of the field trip will be publicized in the June Newsletter. Additional publicity ideas were discussed.

Thad Reynolds will present the program at the October 19, 2016 meeting. It was agreed by consensus that the January 2017 meeting will feature a local program due to weather uncertainty.

Discussion was held concerning our Bicentennial information handout about Indiana Historical Bureau markers in Grant County, cleaning and painting of the New Purchase Boundary and Miami Indian Cemetery markers, and development of a second handout concerning other local historical markers. Other historical societies in Grant County will be consulted concerning the proposed second handout. Kay reported that the DAR is considering a similar project about military sites.

The Indiana Historical Bureau will be asked for instructions for cleaning and painting the New Purchase Boundary and Miami Indian Cemetery markers. Kay reported that it is planned for Boy Scouts to assist with this effort. Newspaper coverage will be requested.

Jonie reported that almost 1,600 people have accessed the Grant County Historical Society Facebook page. Appreciation was expressed to Jonie for her excellent work.

P.J. expressed concern about how the Society is preserving history. Recording our programs was discussed. It was agreed that we should not let first-hand knowledge of our local history be lost.

A warm welcome was given to Juanita Rapp for her return to Board membership, and gratitude was expressed for her many past contributions to the Society's success.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Israel  
Acting Secretary