

April 21, 2010

The Grant County Historical Society members and guests met for the Annual Meeting and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the Sunnycrest United Methodist Church.

President Juanita Rapp welcomed those attending. Kay Dougherty led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed to allow each to give thanks before the meal.

Appreciation was expressed to the Sunnycrest Church United Methodist Women for the delicious dinner.

A short business meeting followed. Juanita presented the President's report, and a copy is made a part of these minutes.

The minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved as presented.

Jackie Steiner, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of board members for 2010-2013: P. J. Culley, Steve Sharon, Margaret Wilson, and David Wright. There were no nominations from the floor. On motion of Kay Dougherty, seconded by Nancy Scott, the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee was unanimously approved and elected.

Juanita announced that John Bradley will be approved by the board to fill out the unexpired term of Ralph Kirkpatrick, who died on December 3, 2009. Ralph will be greatly missed, and deepest sympathy was extended to his family.

Stan introduced David Best, presenter of our evening program, *A Conversation with Mr. Thomas Jefferson*. Thomas Jefferson, our third president, is one of the most engaging figures in American history; he was a scholar, statesman, lawyer, architect, farmer, inventor, surveyor, and gardener. Mr. Best, who is a surveyor, gardener, writer, and educator, shares several interests with Mr. Jefferson, although he is a graduate of Harvard, not the College of William and Mary as was Mr. Jefferson.

The group enjoyed an interesting visit with Mr. Jefferson in his study at Monticello, and appreciation was expressed to Mr. Best for transporting us in imagination back to that time through his skillful presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Israel, Secretary

- PJ Colley