

April 19, 2017

The Grant County Historical Society members and guests met for the Annual Meeting and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at First United Methodist Church, 624 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana.

President Kay Dougherty welcomed those attending.

The First United Methodist Church JOY class served a delicious Hoosier country supper: Homemade chicken/noodles with potatoes, vegetable, rolls, and homemade ice cream. A moment of reflection was observed before the meal in thankfulness for our many blessings. Following dinner, gratitude was expressed by applause to those who provided the meal.

Following dinner, President Kay conducted the business meeting and reviewed activities during the previous year, which included a field trip to Idyl Wyld Roller Palace, and a program presented by Thad Reynolds, author of *The Harmonious Echo*, a book about the pipe organ in the Memorial Coliseum. Kay expressed thanks to all who helped make 2016-2017 a successful year.

Sue Israel, Society Historian, summarized the Society's Bicentennial project. Our involvement began with photographing the Indiana Historical Bureau markers in Grant County in response to a Statewide request from the Bureau for photographs to determine which ones needed new paint or repairs. Appreciation was expressed to Kay and Jim Dougherty for recommending this activity and to Alan Culley for taking photographs. A handout describing all nine markers in Grant County was approved by the Bicentennial Commission.

Information concerning the Society's Facebook page was distributed, and the group applauded the efforts of our webmaster Jonie Riddle. Over 2,400 people have liked our page. Most of our historical photos are provided by Marion Public Library, and we are grateful for the relationship that we have with the Library.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting and the treasurer's report were approved by consensus.

The following slate of Board members was unanimously approved and elected for the 2017-2020 term: Sally Bancroft, Robbie Blue, Kathy Humbert, and Stan Steiner. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Robert Miller for his past service as a Board member. Jonie Riddle is the Marion Public Library appointee for 2017-2018. Sue Israel will continue as Society Historian, and Juanita Rapp will continue as Society Researcher. Board officers will be elected at the May 2017 Board meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to Juanita Rapp for the beautiful floral arrangements.

Stan Steiner introduced James Todd, Grant County Surveyor, who presented an informative program on local surveying, which included an interesting display of maps and documents. A question and answer session followed the program. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Todd for his excellent presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Israel
Society Historian