

August 18, 2010

The Grant County Historical Society Board of Directors met at 6:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B, Marion Public Library. Those present were John Bradley, P.J. Culley, Bob Humbert, Sue Israel, Bob McDonald, Juanita Rapp, Clyde Wilson, and Margaret Wilson.

On motion of P.J., seconded by Bob H., the July 21, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

Margaret presented the treasurer's report; it was approved by consensus and will be filed for audit.

Programming ideas were discussed. John will check again with Roger Bainbridge. Sue will follow up on P.J.'s idea concerning a program by the Brookshire sisters. P.J. suggested a program on Marion's motorcycle history and Matter Park. P.J. and Juanita will cooperate on a Matter Park program. Juanita pointed out that we have had several programs with a military theme and will need to have some variety.

P.J. reported that she had talked to Mary Eckerle concerning possible support for the program *Held in the Heartland* about German POWs. If approved, the program may not be able to be scheduled until 2012. No decision was reached concerning financial support from the Society, and further discussion will be held.

Juanita and Sue will meet with June Felton, Museum curator, concerning ways in which the Society can be helpful to the Museum.

It was the consensus that the Board should again meet in September.

Sue provided an article on Society history for the August newsletter, and Juanita requested that other Board members volunteer ideas for articles. P.J. will work on motorcycle history and Lady Justice. John will consider possible topics. Margaret and Clyde will consider a topic for next spring. Sue will send information on Jalapa to Bob McD. and information on Lady Justice to P.J.

Before the evening's program, Sue Bratton from Marion Public Library presented information on the Library's lecture series titled *Sharing Our Stories: Marion and Beyond*, and Cathy Shouse presented information concerning her book on the history of Fairmount. Cathy will present a program on September 13 at 4:00 p.m. at the Marion Library concerning the process of producing a historic photo book.

John Bradley introduced Dr. James Fall who presented the evening's program on his *War Experiences*. James fall enlisted in the Army Air Corps on July 1, 1942 and trained as a fighter pilot. He was assigned to the 366<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group to fly P-47 Thunderbolts. While on ground-support mission during the Normandy Invasion he was shot down, earning the Purple Heart. He was held as a prisoner of war for 10 ½ months. After his courageous service to his country and following graduation from the Indiana School of Dentistry in 1950, Dr. Fall established a dental practice in Marion and continued his busy practice until 2001. Those in attendance applauded his bravery in combat and his dedication to freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Israel  
Secretary