

February 16, 2011

The Grant County Historical Society Board of Directors met at 6:15 p.m. in Meeting Room B, Marion Public Library. Those present were PJ Culley, Kay Dougherty, Sue Israel, Bob McDonald, Juanita Rapp, Steve Sharon, Stan Steiner, Clyde Wilson, Margaret Wilson, and David Wright.

The November 17, 2010 minutes were accepted as presented. The January 19, 2011 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$9,476.70, was accepted by consensus.

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 20, 2011 at Sunnycrest United Methodist Church. Stan has arranged for Kevin Stonerock to present *Steamboat's A-Comin'*. Sue will prepare the program, and Margaret will take reservations and turn them in to Reta Guenin at Sunnycrest. The speaker will need space available at least an hour before the meeting, and this will be arranged. Juanita will take care of the poster. Juanita and Margaret will talk to Reta about the menu. Jim and Kay will take care of the newsletter. Dave and PJ will be greeters.

Clyde will write an article for the next newsletter. PJ volunteered to prepare an "emergency" article to be used as needed. If anyone else is willing to do the same, it would be appreciated.

Juanita requested that names be suggested for the Nominating Committee. David volunteered to serve, and other names were suggested to serve from the general membership. Board members whose terms expire in 2011 are Sally Bancroft, Bob Humbert, Bob McDonald, and Stan Steiner. Bob McD. and Stan are willing to accept reappointment. Juanita will appoint the Nominating Committee, and Sally and Bob H. will be asked if they are willing to serve again.

Concerning appointments: 1) Sue is currently filling the appointed position of Society Historian, and she is willing to continue. 2) Juanita volunteered to fill a newly appointed position of Society Researcher; she will not be able to continue as president for the 2011-2012 term. 3) Marion Public Library appoints a Library Liaison each year; Sue is presently the Library's appointee, but she has requested that a replacement be found; Jonie Riddle, Business Manager for MPL, will be appointed effective April 2011. On motion of Kay, seconded by David, approval was unanimously given for the positions of Society Historian and Society Researcher, and the change in Library appointment was favorably acknowledged.

Stan reported on the proposed program on Cole Porter in cooperation with the Community School of the Arts. Stan called the Indiana Historical Society regarding their Cole Porter program, but found that it had been produced by professionals rather than the Society itself. Various venues for presentation of the program have been discussed, and other interested organizations include the Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Main Street Marion. This is a big project, and will be nine months to a year in the future. David recalled that the Civic Theatre had done "A Tribute to Cole Porter" in the past. The possibility of a grant from the Community Foundation was mentioned. Stan requested that any ideas be sent to him for consideration.

Trip ideas for this summer should be considered. Ideas for a Library display were discussed; PJ suggested old postcards, and Kay will help with the project. Stan reported for the Membership Committee. PJ reported that a Harley Hog program is possible for summer. Sue reported that minutes, finance reports, and newsletter notebooks are available to the Board, and also that the Society still has several boxes of pencils. It was the consensus of the group that the pencils will be saved for a possible future event. PJ borrowed the *GCHS Newsletters 2007-2011* for review.

Stan introduced Ed Breen who presented the evening's program on "The History of Marion's Newspapers." There were 26 in attendance. After Ed's interesting presentation, the group enjoyed looking at the display table with articles concerning area blizzards.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Israel, Secretary