

The January 18, 2012, meeting of Grant County Historical Society Board members was called to order at 6:15 by chairman Stan Steiner.

Minutes of the November meeting were accepted and the treasurer's report read and accepted.

A donation of \$50 will be given to the Marion Library to purchase books in memory of our Society members who have passed on, Moyelle Lambert and Charlotte May.

Kevin Stokerock will be doing a first person portrayal of an early Hoosier pioneer at our April dinner.

The Delaware County Historical Society is looking for 'friends' - Would our Society like to become a member of their Society?

We have been invited to have a table at the Kalamazoo Living History Show, which is the weekend of March 17, 2012. Stan Steiner will be there speaking about Mississinewa 1812.

Our Society received a nice Christmas card from the Marion Library.

A man has written with interest in collecting James Dean items, posters, post cards, etc.

Mississinewa 1812 wants to buy back the books on 1812 that we have, and have offered \$4-\$5 a piece for them. Kay Douglerty and Sally Bancroft will count them.

Dave Homer, of the Indiana Preservation Society, has approached us to become involved in saving old buildings in Grant County being torn down, or at least saving items from in the buildings. One long range problem is that at some point the saved buildings must be permanently maintained, and the saved items must be given a permanent home.

There was much discussion of what is possible and how far we as a group can go, and are realistically willing to go. To what extent do we involve ourselves as a society.

Dave Homer will do a presentation at an extra board meeting in February, before taking the discussion to the membership.

Might it be possible to interest Taylor and W & H History Departments?

Guest speaker at the January meeting was the Reverend Larry Emons. He talked about the history of the civil rights movement and the challenges that still face us and future generations.

There were 25 present at the meeting, including 11 board members.

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