

July 21, 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 Sally Bancroft, John Bradley, P. J. Culley, Bob Humbert, Sue Israel, Bob McDonald, Steve Sharon, Stan Steiner, Clyde Wilson, and Margaret Wilson. In the absence of President Juanita, Vice-President Bob McD. presided.

On motion of P. J., seconded by John, the May 19, 2010 minutes were unanimously approved. Sue reported on the Indiana Historical Society's awards program; nominations are due no later than August 23, 2010. An email was received from Sue Bratton, Marion Public Library, expressing appreciation for the Society's support for a Picturing America grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities; the application was successful, and the Library's lecture series titled *Sharing Our Stories: Marion and Beyond* will be scheduled. The Society's renewal liability policy has been received from Insurance Management.

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

John reported that he has confirmed that Dr. Fall will speak at the August 18 meeting. John will check with Library properties staff concerning set-up for the meeting.

Bob McD. asked for programming ideas for September, October, and November. John has contacted Roger Bainbridge for a possible program on printing; Skip Pearson was asked to present such a program, but he was unable to do so.

P. J. suggested the following programs: 1) Mammoth excavation at Lake Galatia; Sue shared some materials on this topic. 2) Local photographer Emily Rose Brookshire and her sister Breezy Brookshire, who have a home business publishing historical paper dolls that they have created. 3) DAR; talk about historical figures whose families came to Grant County. 4) Interurban system. 5) German POWs in Grant County; P. J. will talk to Mary Eckerle concerning the possibility of financial support by the Marion Public Library Friends organization. P. J. also suggested exhibits she would enjoy seeing at the Marion Public Library Museum. In addition she recommended that a different method be employed to prepare newsletters for mailing.

Stan reported for the Membership Committee. Stan has added two additional members to the Committee, Ed Breen and Bill Munn, and this was approved by Board consensus. Plans have moved ahead for the quarterly lecture series, and meeting room space has been reserved at the Library. Lecture times will not conflict with the Library's *Sharing Our Stories* series. Discussion was held concerning budget for the Society's lecture series. Sources of income were considered, e.g., membership dues and interest earnings, and the possibility of a fund-raiser, a booth at 1812, and grants were discussed. It was the consensus of the group that expenditures for speakers' fees for the first year would have to come from Society savings. On motion of Margaret, seconded by Steve, it was unanimously approved to allow up to \$1,500 for the 2010-2011 lecture series.

Larry Richardson, Neighborhood Association Coordinator for the City of Marion, presented the evening's program on *Neighborhood Associations*. He reviewed the history and goals of Marion's neighborhood associations, and answered questions concerning community issues. Following Mr. Richardson's presentation, Sabrina Wilds reported on the collecting of photos and information relating to Thomas Jefferson School. These materials were collected as a part of work by the Thomas Jefferson Reunion Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Israel  
Secretary