

May 19, 2010

The Grant County Historical Society Board of Directors met at 6:15 p.m. in Meeting Room B, Marion Public Library. Those present were Sally Bancroft, John Bradley, P. J. Culley, Kay Dougherty, Bob Humbert, Sue Israel, Bob McDonald, Juanita Rapp, Steve Sharon, Stan Steiner, and Clyde Wilson. New member P. J. Culley was welcomed, and she told the Board a little about herself.

On motion of Bob McD., seconded by Steve, it was unanimously approved to appoint John Bradley to fill Ralph Kirkpatrick's unexpired term.

Minutes of the March 17 and April 21, 2010 board meetings were accepted as presented. Sue presented a summary of correspondence and other information received.

On motion of Bob McD., seconded by Kay, the treasurer's report was unanimously approved. Sue reported that there were currently 31 paid members.

Stan reported for the Membership Committee. Student membership and the possibility of a quarterly lecture series, similar to a lecture program in Fort Wayne, were discussed. On motion of John, seconded by Sally, it was unanimously approved that the membership fee for students, elementary grades through college, will be \$5.00. The committee and other Board members will consider various aspects of the lecture series idea, including topics and the ceiling for spending, and further discussion will be held at the June 16 meeting. The Membership Committee will meet again before the June 16 meeting.

P. J. reported that there had been German POWs in Grant County, and the possibility of a program relating to this part of our history was discussed. More information can be found at www.traces.org.

John and Stan will confer concerning the June and July programs.

Following discussion, on motion of Kay, seconded by John, the following officers were elected: Juanita, president; Bob McD., vice president; Sue, secretary/historian; and Margaret, treasurer. All officers except Bob H. were able to repeat. Appreciation was expressed to Bob for his service, and he agreed to continue to assist with program planning. Kay Dougherty, Jim Dougherty, and Joan Vickers are willing to continue work on the Society's monthly newsletter.

Stewart Turner presented the evening's program on *Fighting Forest Fires*. There were 20 in attendance.

Mr. Turner, a forester from Upland, helps people plant and harvest timber on area farms. He is also a fire fighter who has traveled nationally to fight the wildfires that destroy thousands of acres of forest every year; his work also includes helping with the aftermath of other disasters such as hurricanes and the 9-11 attack. Following the presentation, there were many questions about Mr. Turner's fascinating but dangerous work.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Israel
Secretary