

Howard Historical Society

Meeting April 23, 2019

Present: Alice Kropp – Pres., Ed Kropp, Richard and Wilma Stewart, Sean Turner, Eric Hosmer, Lucy Smith, Marie Margeson, Jean Willis.

Regrets: Donna McDaniel, Sect'y, Sondra Brown, Vice Pres. & Mary Kenny all out of town

Alice called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Secretary's report: No report as the secretary was absent.

Treasurer's report: Eric reported from the previous minutes that there is \$13,437.78 in the treasury.

Wilma read the announcement of the Almond Historical Society public open house program to be held April 28 at 3 pm in the Almond Union Church fellowship room. The speaker is the curator of the World War II Museum in Eldred, Pa.

Richard reported that Old Fashion Day is May 5 at the Community Building and he is setting up a cross cut saw event. Members agree that he may use the saw from the museum for that event. Marie is hopeful some people might dress up for Old Fashion Day.

Old Business: Old Home Day - Alice and Ed are representing us at Fire Dept meetings regarding the event. Old Home Day is scheduled for Sept. 14. Alice and Ed recommend that the Historical Society Float lead the parade. Richard has donated the wagon used the past couple years to the Historical Society and will make sure there is a tractor and driver for the parade. Lucy recommends we continue with the free ice cream sundaes at the museum. Judy McCollum will tend the Masonic Museum. The Friends of Howard are serving the Chicken BBQ dinner at the community building and will have a square dance in the evening. The Library will be open and is having some type of entertainment. The Fire Dept is tending to the car show event, activities for children and selling hamburgers & hot dogs. There will also be a musical performance by some form of the Wind Ensemble. The Church plans to be open and will hold a pie sale while serving breakfast at the Fire Hall.

It was agreed that we would open the Museum on July 7. A schedule for tending the museum has been started. We will add Old Home Day Sept 14 and the Steuben County History Awareness Finale Oct 5 to the schedule.

Wilma reported on the History Awareness Event scheduled for Sept 30 to Oct 5. The theme is "200 years of Agriculture in Steuben County". Wilma has ideas for some exhibits for Howard so they will be represented during the exhibit week.

Thank you to those who have been cleaning and getting the museum ready for this year. Further work to be done at the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be May 28, 7 pm in the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Stewart