



Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendees: Steven Kulick, Deborah Kulick, Jennifer Palmer, Annette Atkinson, Mike Dwyer, Albert Decker, Danny Younger, Kim Williams, Priscilla Masilamani, Ed Regina, Diane Huffman, Robert Huffman, Susan Kulick.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting on January 27, 2014.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,500.00.

Old Business:

- Kim Williams reported on the calendar project. Our goals in developing a Middle Smithfield Township Historical Committee calendar are to create an awareness of the commission and increase attendance at future meetings.

It would be helpful if an article about the project appears in the township newsletter and Facebook page regarding the fact that we are soliciting pictures to be used on the calendar. Photos not used in the first calendar could be stored in a computer archive for future use. Photos can be collected throughout the summer, with the final selection and layout done in September and October, then sent to the printer by November 1, 2014. The calendars would be available by Thanksgiving.

It was suggested that one large picture be used for each month and smaller pictures at the bottom of the calendar page. Also, there could be a theme each year, such as churches, resorts, barns, Passport to History locations.

An "Old Photo Day" was suggested for residents to bring their photos to the township building. The photos would be scanned and returned to the owners immediately. Annette suggested week days would be better when Ryan Senay would be available to do the scanning. It was finally decided to advertise a dedicated day on the Saturday of Clean-Up Day May 3, 2014. Notices will be put in St. John's Church bulletin and Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church bulletin, and the township newsletter which would be distributed April 7th or 14th. Photos can also be brought any weekday to the township building.

Profits from the sale of the calendars would be kept by the township and earmarked for our use.

- Passport to History Update:

The Monroe County Historical Society is moving ahead with the county Passport to History project. Middle Smithfield submitted several possible locations, and the Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church and Wooddale United Methodist Church were selected to be used by the Monroe County Historical Society. After some discussion, it was decided to substitute the Zion Church for the Wooddale Church due to its historical value and ease of finding it. Visitors would come to the township building to have their passports stamped. Background information on our commission will be included as well as our Facebook address and web address.

County hotel tax money was approved to support the brochure. Stamps must be purchased by the township commission. Visitors will pay \$1 fee and \$1 donation to township.

- Historical Cabinet:

Tim and Dawn Arnst have donated pictures and memorabilia from Middle Smithfield School. Steve Kulick brought Sesquicentennial photos, as well as Mountain Lake House and Echo Lake Resort memorabilia.

- Steve Kulick stated that appreciation plaques and/or certificates will be given to all who gave presentations during 2013. This would include Nancy Shukaitis, Dr. Alberta Finch, Gary Summers, Jim Werkheiser, Ben Gelber, Mal Law, JanetMishkin.

New Business:

- Danny Younger expressed concern about the closed Facebook site. In order to obtain new members, it should be an open site. Annette and Steve stated that there is an open site as well as the closed site. There was discussion on how to maximize the open site.
- Al Decker announced that the ESU Home Show will be March 15-16, 2014. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be March 23, 2014.
- It was suggested that a Historical Timeline be created and displayed at the township building; also, art displays at the township buildings based on the artist or subject matter.
- The railroad track walk will be discussed at the March meeting and a date will be set. There is non-Park Service property which could be walked.

The next meeting will be March 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.