

# LAUREL VALLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** W. Fairfield Cemetery (along Rt. 711 – on top of Fairfield Hill)

**ATTENDEES:** Kathleen Mack (Pres), Doug Hull (Sec/Treas), Twila Conrad (Director), Carol Henderson (Director), Randy Henderson, Linda Wakefield, Brad Foust, Vanessa Ewt, Barb Ewt.

**Minutes from last meeting:** Not available

**Treasurer's Report:** Bank total as of 7/12/23 - \$1,806.64 (includes deposit of \$40 on 6/15 and \$77 on 6/13, for new memberships)

### Old Business:

- Still waiting on opportunity for museum/headquarters.
- Kept Military Flag Pole and Military Hero Banner projects on hold.
- Doug to work on form submissions for tax issues and documents needed for fundraising and grant submissions.
- Doug continuing work on the constitution and bylaws. Targeting June meeting for completion.
- Local yard sales are now over. LVAHS set up a booth at the New Florence yard sale only.
- Facebook statistics: 962 members as of 07/09/2023. Up to **966 as of 08/02/2023**.

### New Business:

- The group is continuing to update the plot map for the W. Fairfield Cemetery. Required information is: Plot #, Names, Maiden Names, Dates, Military Designation (if any). Photos will be verified and/or updated on Find a Grave as necessary. The group is finding quite a few discrepancies. Also, some headstones need reset and some need the date of death carved into them.
  - A discussion on the surrounding graves turned up the following information:
    - The cemetery near the Boy's Club is the W. Fairfield Union (originally Presbyterian) Cemetery
    - The W. Fairfield Cemetery (on Rt. 711) used to be the W.F. Presbyterian Cemetery. There used to be a church, down from Beaufort Road, off Rt. 711, and up above the highest point of the W. Fairfield Cemetery.
    - The W. Fairfield Cemetery (on Fairfield Rd) is the United Methodist Episcopal Cemetery and it belonged to the church that is now the W. Fairfield Auction Barn.
    - There is a Presbyterian Cemetery beside the U.M.E. Cemetery. It belonged to the Presbyterian Church that is no longer there. A double-wide home is there now.
    - Laurel Hill is pretty much hidden and is near the PA State Game Lands, off Boswell Road
    - The Camp Fairfield Cemetery is on the site of Antiochian Village
- Carol Henderson suggested that the group work on creating stronger presence on Facebook, with local stories and photos. This was discussed and the group agreed that this should be done.

### Adjournment:

- Barb Ewt motioned to adjourn at 8 PM, seconded by Twila Conrad.

### Submitted by:

Kathleen Mack (in Doug Hull's absence)

President of the Laurel Valley Area Historical Society