

LAUREL VALLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

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

ATTENDANCE AT LAST MEETING (June 14, 2023): Kathy Mack, Doug Hull, Twila Conrad, Carol Henderson, Randy Henderson, Linda Wakefield, Vanessa Ewt, Barb Ewt, Brad Foust

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Doug Hull

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Doug Hull) – 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:

1. Museum (waiting on opportunity and finances)
2. Military Flag Pole Project (on hold); Military Hero Banners (on hold)
3. Various forms need to be submitted
 - a. IRS Form 990EZ (Doug to submit)
 - b. Rev-72 Exemption from PA Sales Tax (Doug to submit)
 - c. B00-10 Charitable Organization Statement to the state of PA (allows fundraising – Doug to submit)
 - d. Games of Chance license – needed to do any tickets, games, etc. (Doug to investigate)
 - e. Dunn and Bradstreet (D&B) rating and a SAMS number (needed to apply for grants – further investigation)
4. Constitution and By-laws
 - a. Doug is working on these. Target the June meeting for completion.
5. Facebook page statistics: 962 members as of 07/09/2023. Up to 966 as of 08/02/2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Membership Drive
 - a. No new paid memberships as of this meeting
2. Donations
 - a. None as of this writing
3. Current Projects:
 - a. Updating plot map for the W. Fairfield Cemetery on Rt. 711
4. Projects under consideration:
 - a. Create, or update, ALL cemetery plot maps for our area.
 - b. Stronger presence on Facebook – submit more stories and articles
 - c. Presentations on local history at each society meeting.
 - d. Cemetery Cleanups:
 - i. Holy Family (backroad into Pinchcut.....is this maintained?)
 - ii. Nineveh/Rodgers/Wakefield Cemetery (behind the ball fields in Seward)
 - iii. Hice/Pershing Cemetery (very overgrown; unsure of access permission now)
 - e. Start a compilation of area history (selections from historical books, newspapers, etc.; include indexing)
 - f. Start a collection of historical photos from the area
 - g. Genealogy classes – maybe at the library – benefit both the library and ourselves
5. Field Trips under consideration:
 - a. Cemetery Visits (history discussions, stories of those buried there, etc.)
 - b. Pennsylvania Room at the Ligonier Library
 - i. Currently have a **Vietnam exhibit, until September 12th**. Has some local heroes' pictures on display.

6. Interviews of long time rea residents
7. Future meeting dates for 2023 (locations will be announced prior to each meeting):
 - a. May 10th at 6:00 p.m. – Monthly meeting – Cemetery Cleanup
 - b. June 14th at 6:00 p.m. – Monthly meeting – W.F. Auction Barn
 - c. July 12th at 6:00 p.m. – Monthly meeting
 - d. August 9th at 6:00 p.m. – Monthly meeting
 - e. September 13th at 6:00 p.m. – Monthly meeting**
 - f. October 4th at 7:00 p.m. – Semi-Annual meeting of the Board of Directors
 - g. October 11th at 6:00 p.m. – Monthly meeting
 - h. November 8th at 6:00 p.m. – Monthly meeting
 - i. December 13th at 6:00 p.m. – Monthly meeting
8. Any other New Business?

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