

Wolf Laurel Historical Society
Annual Meeting
August 3, 2022
Wolf Laurel Community Center Pavilion

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM by President Warren Johnson
2. Minutes of the August 4, 2021, Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.
3. Reports of Officers
 - a. President Warren Johnson reported that the state of the society was healthy. He noted our record membership in 2021 and our replenishing of the inventory of Society publications that will pay dividends, both financial and education, in the future. He explained the imminent arrival of *A Treasure in the Appalachian Sky* into the Society publication inventory.
 - b. Vice-President Steve Wilcox reported on remaining programs for 2022 including Taylor Bush's visit in late August and the Society's annual picnic in September.
 - c. Secretary-Treasurer Jim Klumpp reported that the membership and the budget of the society were healthy. Current membership for 2022 is 81. The Society continues to operate within its budget. (See Appendix A)
4. Election of the 2023 Board of Directors
 - a. President Warren Johnson reported that in compliance with the bylaws the 2022 Board had voted to increase the Board of Directors to five members for 2023.
 - b. Report of the Nominating Committee. Chair Gene Wolf reported five nominations for the 2023 Board: Taylor Barnhill, Warren Johnson, Jim Klumpp, Brenda Whitt, and Steve Wilcox.
 - c. No additional nominations received, the report of the Committee was accepted and the nominees elected unanimously to the 2023 Board.
5. New Business
 - a. President Warren Johnson provided a presentation: "The Social Scene at Wolf Laurel in the 1980s: A Tribute to Lou and Sheila Slater."
 - b. President Johnson, Vice-President Wilcox, and Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association Past-President Earlene Shofi unveiled the restored plaque dedicating the Wolf Laurel Community Center Pavilion to Sheila Slater.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Klumpp, Secretary-Treasurer, 2022

Appendix A

Wolf Laurel Historical Society Annual Meeting Report of the Secretary-Treasurer August 3, 2022

1. **Membership.** 2021 saw our largest membership in the 29 year history of the Wolf Laurel Historical Society: 115 members. Our thanks, congratulations, and celebration go out to our members. This year's membership on the day before the annual meeting was 81, down ten from 2021 at a similar time but still on course to eclipse all years previous to 2021. We are the envy of other historical societies in our area.
2. **2021-22 Activities.** The Society's expenditures continue to focus on sites, speakers, and promotional costs of our programming. Last year's record membership, however, allowed the Society to expand its activities beyond just programming in ways that promote our history and that build our inventory of historical merchandise for future revenue. A lost plaque that had dedicated the Village Pavilion to Sheila Slater in 2004 was replaced with a new purchase that will be unveiled at the 2022 annual meeting. In addition, the Society's store of publications celebrating the history of Wolf Laurel (*Upper Laurel and Her People*, the Edwards' "Ultimate Plan for Wolf Laurel") was replenished after many years. All our historical publications are once again available for your purchase for your decorating or your reading, with proceeds supporting our activities. This availability has already fostered increased sales, beginning the process of offsetting replenishment costs.
3. **Financial Condition.** The Society remains in a firm financial condition. Our income for 2021 was \$1713 and expenditures were \$1843.97. The \$131 deficit was created by the purchase that replenished our stock of publications and was recouped in sales of *Upper Laurel and Her People* early in 2022. Because of our loss of programming in 2020, we treated our 2020-21 budget as a two year budget and extended all 2020 memberships for 2021 without additional charge. The total revenue for the combined years was \$2533 and the expenditures \$1879.61, thus a surplus of \$654.39. We finished 2021 with a balance of \$4,069.72. Our balance on July 26, 2022, is \$4,670.54 with acknowledgment that this is a partial year figure. In short, the financial condition of the Society is healthy.
4. **Our tax-exempt status.** Our tax-exempt status was renewed by the Society in 2019. At that time the Society was inappropriately classified within IRS 501(c)3 categories. The impact of this is mostly technical, but it must be resolved. We have been working with IRS to correct the error, with some difficulty due to the covid epidemic. We now believe that with the epidemic's impact diminishing a resolution is within sight. We are working diligently to resolve the issue.
5. **Thank you for your support.** Your support for the Society helps us program outside presenters each year and provide our thanks to you in our annual picnic, as well as additional activities such as our publications and the celebration of Wolf Laurel's history in extras such as the Slater dedication plaque. Your memberships as well as your purchase of our art, maps, and books makes it possible for us to fulfill our motto: Sharing our past to enhance our present. Thank you for your continued support.