

Wolf Laurel Historical Society
Board of Directors
September 29, 2022
Wolf Laurel Community Center

Minutes

In attendance: Warren Johnson, Jim Klumpp, Brenda Whitt, Steve Wilcox

1. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Johnson at 4:07 PM.
2. Minutes of Board Meeting of August 17, 2022, were approved (Wilcox, Johnson).
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Klumpp reported no word yet from IRS on 501(c)3 status.
 - b. Current membership is 96.
 - c. No significant changes nor issues in budget. The Society will finish the year comfortably in the black due to our robust membership and a really good year on the sale of our historical publications.
 - d. Motion (Johnson, Wilcox) approved to reimburse the Treasurer \$291.92 for expenditures of the Secretary Treasurer's office during the 2022 year.
 - e. Warren Johnson and Jim Klumpp had offered to transfer their Square credit card account to the Society when they transfer the copyright and stock of *A Treasure in the Appalachian Sky*. Discussion of whether the Society wanted to begin dealing in credit cards. After lengthy discussion it was decided that the cost and difficulties presented by such an affiliation would outweigh advantages to our members.
 - f. Klumpp requested guidance on online ordering of our merchandise. It was decided to include an online ordering form in our website as an option for obtaining our publications.
4. Program Planning for 2023
 - a. Various options for 2023 programs were discussed. Our tentative list of programs for 2023 is:
 - i. The Oscar Willis Barn by Taylor Barnhill (in reserve, Ken Allen, General Manager, 1969-1971; and the ghost roads of Wolf Laurel
 - ii. The Caney River Railway by Gene Wolf and Jim Klumpp
 - iii. History of the Appalachian Trail with special attention to Madison and Yancey Counties and Wolf Laurel.
 - b. Specifics of scheduling are to be worked out.
5. Website review. Discussion was held on changes to the website. Recommendation was that we sponsor a contest next year for the "best Wolf Laurel Stories" to beef up that section of the website. In addition, a publication order form will be included.

6. Klumpp reported the offer by the Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association of a set of minutes and correspondence from the 1980s and 1990s for the Wolf Laurel Archive maintained by the WLHS. He also reported efforts to develop a donor agreement that can be used for such donations.

7. Old Business
 - a. Klumpp and Johnson reported on the turnover of *A Treasure in the Appalachian Sky* to the WLHS. The second printing offered unique opportunities to acquire additional copies of the book for later sale at greatly reduced price. The authors accepted the offers from the printer. The cost of the printing was, therefore, higher than expected. As a result the turnover will be delayed a bit to allow the authors to recoup the cost, but more copies of the book will be included when it occurs.
 - b. Discussion of the turnover of the Willis Cabin by the gate to the RMS. Progress remains slow. It was agreed the president and whomever he invites should meet with the new Operations Manager of the Wolf Laurel Road Maintenance and Security Homeowners Association to offer the Society's offices in restorative steps for the Cabin's future.

8. New Business: None

9. Meeting was adjourned at 5:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Klumpp, Secretary Treasurer