

Wolf Laurel Historical Society
Board of Directors
September 29, 2021
Wolf Laurel Community Center Pavilion

Minutes

In attendance: Warren Johnson, Jim Klumpp, Steve Wilcox

1. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Johnson at 9:55 AM.
2. Minutes of Board Meeting of August 25, 2021, were approved (Wilcox, Johnson).
3. 2021 Treasurer's Report: Secretary Treasurer Jim Klumpp.
 - a. Klumpp will work with CPA over winter to clear up final IRS confusion.
 - b. The society ended the 2021 year with a membership of 114, the largest membership ever recorded. 36 of these were memberships carried over from 2020 when our events were cancelled. Thus, 78 were additional members added in 2021. The highest previous membership total, 110, was also a two year accumulated membership in 1994-95. Eight of the 2021 members added at the picnic or thereafter will be extended into 2022.
 - c. Klumpp identified reimbursements to officers as a result of their outlays for society expenses over the year.
 - i. M (Klumpp) S (Wilcox) Passed to reimburse Warren Johnson \$86.28 for purchase of papergoods and drinks for the annual picnic.
 - ii. M (Johnson) S (Wilcox) Passed to reimburse Klumpp \$134.26 for secretary-treasurer expenses for website, mailing of membership materials, printing membership recruitment materials and publicity for events for the 2021 year.
 - d. Klumpp reported on the state of the budget. Our revenue for the year exceeded the 2020-21 budget by \$88. Memberships exceeded budget by \$175 offsetting the \$102 shortfall from our planned revenue from maps. On the expense side, the \$760.63 surplus of expenditure to budget is misleading. We will have a bill coming due on the reprinting of *Upper Laurel and Her People* (\$450), reprinting of maps (\$20), possibly for a plaque for the Slater Dedication (<\$500), and possibly to resolve the IRS matter (\$500). There were slight variations one way or the other on several budget lines but the largest discrepancies from the budget were for publications (the book order) and the plaque initiative. Savings were made in our venue rentals, sound rentals, and picnic expenses. Overall, we may wind up overspending the budget a bit but will be from extra, unanticipated activities, some still recoverable in sales of books and maps, rather than failure to observe sound budget practices.
 - e. Reprinting of *Upper Laurel and Her People* has been contracted and should be delivered by the end of October.
 - f. Two copies of laminated map will be reproduced by Mars Hill University Media

Center. This restore a small map inventory for map sales.

4. Review of the Annual Picnic. Seemed to work well. Preserve pavilion seems to work well as a venue. Food arrangements including pot luck seemed to work well. Attendance was largest in years. This may be because of our large membership, the availability of *A Treasure in the Appalachian Sky*, or the earlier date in comparison to past years. Schedule in first half of September seems to work.
5. Old Business
 - a. The research conducted by all three members on the Slater plaque options was discussed.

M (Klumpp) S (Johnson) to allocate up to \$500 for a metal plaque celebrating the dedication of the pavilion to Sheila Slater following additional research to secure the least expensive vendor.
 - b. Participation in Governance initiative was discussed. Efforts to involve more people in 2022, particularly in programming.
 - c. Karen Parr, Director of the Ramsey Center Southern Appalachian Archive at Mars Hill University has indicated she will draft a letter affirming their cooperation with our bylaw change.
6. New business
 - a. Preliminary discussion of the 2022 programs.
 - i. Basic structure of one Wolf Laurel program, one Madison/Yancey/Mountain program, and one program on broader historical interest was reaffirmed. That would be three programs for the year.
 - ii. Desirability of using Ebbs Chapel for one of our program reaffirmed.
 - iii. A program committee will be formed to assist with programs. Possible membership was identified.
 - iv. Possible Wolf Laurel program for 2022: Return of one of the early Wolf Laurel developers to discuss their time on the mountain.
 - v. Possible Regional program: Moonshining in Madison/Yancey/Mountains.
 - vi. Possible Broader program: Reassessing Andrew Johnson of Greenville TN.
 - b. Next Meeting: 10 AM, October 20, village.
7. Adjournment at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Klumpp
Secretary Treasurer