

Wolf Laurel Historical Society  
Board of Directors  
May 15, 2023  
Wolf Laurel Community Center

**Minutes**

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

1. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Johnson at 3:57 PM.
2. Minutes of Board Meeting of September 22, 2022, were approved (Wilcox, Johnson).
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Non-profit status issues are resolved. IRS forms for 2021 and 2022 have been filed with IRS.
  - b. Current membership for 2023 as of May 1 is four. This is to be expected this early with no solicitation of memberships nor announcement of programs.
  - c. The inventory of *A Treasure in the Appalachian Sky* has been transferred to the Society by the authors. The book is now being sold through the WLHS and sales have continued providing considerable revenue this early in the year. Purchase of a sign to advertise the Society's publications was discussed. Klumpp will pursue the possibilities.
  - d. Jim Klumpp had circulated the 2022 final financial report. There were no questions. Motion (Wilcox, Barnhill) to approve the final 2022 financial report. Passed.
  - e. Klumpp presented the 2023 budget and went over changes from earlier budgets. Most dramatic change is deletion of expenses for resolving the IRS status and addition of a budget for supplies to maintain the WLHS archives. Motion (Wilcox, Barnhill) to approve the 2023 budget. Passed.
4. Program Planning for 2023
  - a. Motion (Barnhill, Klumpp) to approve the 2023 program schedule. Passed.
  - b. Discussion of arrangements for the June program (Wednesday, June 21, 4 PM -- Taylor Barnhill, "Archeology of Our Community Center: A Working Barn is Raised, c1887." at the Pavilion, Wolf Laurel Community Center.)
    - i. POA has agreed to be a co-sponsor of this event. The Appalachian Barn Alliance will also be contacted about co-sponsorship.
    - ii. Special invitations will be issued to the descendants of Oscar Willis in the area. Other guests can be expected from the Barn Alliance.
    - iii. Venue has been secured.
    - iv. Klumpp will arrange for rental of the sound system from Ebbs Chapel Community Center.
    - v. Wilcox and Barnhill will coordinate video capabilities including a screen

- and Barnhill's projector.
    - vi. Johnson will be the events manager for this event.
  - c. Discussion of arrangements for the July program (Wednesday, July 19, 7 PM -- Gene Wolf, "A Railroad to Bald Mountain, c1905." at the Wolf Laurel Country Club Dining Room.)
    - i. Special invitations will be issued to descendants of David and Pearl Buck and to the Stebbens and Couches who are the new owners of the Buck House.
    - ii. Venue has been secured.
    - iii. Klumpp will arrange sound and video.
    - iv. Whitt will be the events manager for this event.
  - d. Discussion of arrangements for the August program (Tuesday, August 8, 7 PM -- Rob Amberg, "The Day that Changed Wolf Laurel, August 5, 2003." at the Ebbs Chapel Performing Arts Center Auditorium.)
    - i. Klumpp and Wilcox will approach the Ebbs Chapel Community Center to see if they are interested in co-hosting the event.
    - ii. Special invitations will be issued to the chief engineer on the I-26 project and to Lee Smith.
    - iii. Rob Amberg has agreed to speak for the honorarium indicated in the budget. The date, time, and place have been arranged with him.
    - iv. Venue and sound has been rented from Ebbs Chapel Performing Arts Center.
    - v. Wilcox will discern video needs and arrange for video as needed.
    - vi. Wilcox will be events manager for this event.
  - e. Discussion of arrangements for Annual Society Business Meeting and WLHS Member Picnic (Wednesday, September 6, 4-6 PM)
    - i. Discussion on venue. Unless there is a direct connection to the Buck House, it was decided that the Village pavilion would be a suitable place for the event. Final decision will depend on contacts before next meeting.
    - ii. Greg Smith will be contacted to see if he is interested in providing BBQ for the event. Final decisions on food will wait for his availability.
5. Old Business
- a. Klumpp introduced the paperwork for transfer of copyright on *A Treasure in the Appalachian Sky* and went over key points in the assignment contract. Cost will be \$125 to register the transfer with the US Copyright office. Motion (Whitt, Barnhill) to appropriate \$125 or amount required to transfer copyright to the WLHS. Passed. Final approval of the contract will await consultation with a intellectual rights attorney.
  - b. Discussion of a photo page on the website. Further discussion will ensue on the nature of implementation of the website.
  - c. Discussion of attracting "Wolf Laurel Stories" for that page of the website. The idea of having a contest to submit material for the page was discussed favorably. The possibility of oral interviews from which transcripts might be posted was also discussed. Whitt and Klumpp will work together on a proposal for the contest.

6. New Business
  - a. Next board meeting, June 12, 4 PM, Wolf Laurel Community Center pavilion.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Jim Klumpp, Secretary Treasurer