**Historical Society**

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 7pm – 8pm

**Meeting Location:** St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Walkersville, MD

Attendee: Bonnie & Chris Leins, Charlie and Kathryn Nicodemus, Ray Soderberg, Bob Hellmuth, Joel Herman, Marianne Urban, Florence Schell, George Evans

**Old Business**

**The History of Walkersville on Display** *(formally named, “The Gallery Walk”*

* All members in favor to conduct The History of Walkersville on Display at Homewood at Crumland Farm. George and Charlie will contact the administrative office at Homewood to present our idea.
* All members in favor to conduct The History of Walkersville on Display at Walkersville High School. Bonnie will contact FCPS to present the idea to administrators.
* **Oral History Project**
* Florence would like a DVD of her one-hour interview. Bonnie will provide Florence the external hard drive.
* Leah asked if a typed transcript was produced. Florence said, “I did not type a transcript”. This project was managed by Charlie, Katheryn, and Florence. We will ask Charlie and Kathryn if they know of a typed transcript. Leah offered to assist other members to review the 20-hours of tape and create a typed transcript. Did not discuss, Leah was not at the meeting.

**New Business**

**Potential Events for Club Members**

* Status of trip to old graveyard: George has been by the farm on several occasions, to request permission. No one was home. Trip on hold, due to spring and the new growth of vegetation.

**Woodsboro Walkersville Times**

* Submission of April article: Charlie submitted Part 2 of the Walkersville Sewing Factory article. The article will run in the May edition, as April has many political articles running.

**Treasurer Report & 2015 Taxes**

* Balance of Checking Account: Suzie was not at the meeting. An update to the balance of the account not provided.
* Status of 2015 Federal Taxes: Bonnie submitted 2015 financial reports to Lenny Thompson. Lenny will do our taxes and invoice the society. Bonnie will provide Suzie with the invoice for payment.
* Status of 2015 Maryland State Taxes: Bonnie completed and mailed the 2015 Maryland taxes.
* Collection of 2016 Annul Membership Dues$20: Charlie collected the dues and will give Suzie the money at the next meeting. Charlie also has $60 from DVD sales.

The following paid: Joel $20 cash, Bob $20 check, Florence $20 check, Ray $20 check, Katheryn & Charlie $40 check.

**Walkersville Southern Railroad Train Museum**

* The Bunny Train was successful. Season opening is May 7th with a pageant of engines, for more info see website.

[www.wsrr.org](http://www.wsrr.org)

**Monocacy Archeological Society**

* April is Maryland Archelogy month. A dig is scheduled in Anne Arundel county.

For more information, visit website. [www.digfrederick.com](http://www.digfrederick.com)

**Frederick & Pennsylvania Line Railroad Museum, Inc**

* The organization is looking a permanent home for the museum. The organization is assisting several property owners with the paperwork to list their property with Maryland Historic Trust. They are sponsoring a Wiki Edit-Anthon at the Frederick County Library on Patrick Street. They have registered the organization in 8 states. The Facebook page, Linken page and website is up and running. They are listed with volunteer match and with FCPS to register kids to earn volunteer hours. For more information see their website <http://www.fplmuseum.org>

**Events 2016:**

* Walkersville’s Day: Discussed operating a tent at town hall. All agreed. Hours 10am – 2pm. Bonnie offered her driveway on Fulton Ave if town hall was not available. Bonnie, Chris, Ray, Mike, and George are able to help run the station. Will provide a self –guided walking tour brochure. Bonnie will do the brochure. Will highlight 20 structures in town. Bonnie and Chris will donate supplies; tent (8’X8’), 6ft folding table, 2 stools. Bonnie encouraged the WSSR, FPLRM, MAS to bring information about their organization. Please consider space, one poster board no larger than 18”x24” and flyers/brochures.
* Presentation about Hobo’s in Walkersville: Bonnie suggested we make this a public event that is separate from a meeting night. Bonnie will try and find a place to hold the presentation. Bob would like to practice the demonstration to the group before a public show. Bonnie and Chris gave Bob a metal sign that displays hobo symbols and definitions.
* Mini presentations to other organizations in the area. Members suggested the following locations or groups to present: Woodsboro Lions Club, Glade Valley Homemakers, Red Cross, Community Services, Glade Town Community Association, Walkersville Economic Development Group.

**Officers for 2016**

* Open Officer Positions
* President: Joel nominated Bob Hellmuth for President and George Second and all in favor.
* Treasurer: Joel nominated Marianne Urban for Treasurer, George Seconded and all in favor.
* Secretary: Charlie nominated Bonnie Leins for Secretary, Joel Seconded, all in favor.
* The new officers will take over April 1, 2016.
* Bonnie, Suzie, Marianne, and need Bob need to visit PNC bank to either remove or add names to the checking account.

**Wrap-Up**

* Discuss possible locations for monthly meetings: Charlie would like to hold the meetings at St. Paul’s in the Sunday School wing. Everyone in favor. Bonnie will contact St. Paul’s Office
* Website: Bonnie will contact DAS for a proposal to build the historical society a website.

Future Discussions:

* Joel suggested we discuss officer responsibilities and delegate some responsibilities to other members.

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Bonnie will let everyone know the meeting location.