**Walkersville Historical Society**

**Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2016, 7pm – 8:30pm**

**Location: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland**

**Attendees:** Leah Fleming, Kathryn Nicodemus, Charlie Nicodemus, George Evans, Suzie Clark, Bob Hellmuth, Joel, Herman, Marianne Urban, Chris Leins, Bonnie Leins, Florence Schell, Matthew Benning

**Old Business:**

* **FCPS/Walkersville High: \*** *See New Business*
* **Typed Transcript of Oral History DVD:** Leah is just about done with all of the transcripts. Leah provided the hard drive to Bonnie and Bonnie passed it to Kathryn, as she had previously requested.

**New Business**

* **Community Foundation:** Becki Delauter with the Community Foundation of Frederick County sent an e-mail to the Historical Society. Requesting verification that the society is registered with the State of Maryland Solicitations Act, in order to receive a donation check.
* Bonnie presented a check received from The Community Foundation August 29th in the amount of $1,000.
* The money was received through the Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Nicodemus Family Fund
* The purpose of the grant is “Unrestricted”
* Bonnie will send a thank you note to Community Foundation and post letter from Community Foundation to our Facebook Page.
* Bonnie will visit the SDAT website:*Bonnie visited the site and downloaded the form, five pages, will complete at October meeting. Should take no more than five minutes. Marianne, please bring the IRS Tax Document that shows we are a 501-3C. Bonnie sent Becki Delauter that we are in the process of filing the renewal form. E-mailed copied to Bob.*
* **\*FCPS:** Bob received an e-mail from Colleen Bernard, Secondary Social Studies Curriculum Specialist with FCPS. She would like the assistance of Walkersville Historical Society with the development of a history course about Maryland and Western Counties. Bernard requested, “we are in need of access to primary and secondary source readings that we could use to support instruction”.
* Bonnie suggested use of the following primary and secondary resources:
* The Oral History DVD that was completed in 2015
* Transcript of the Oral DVD that Leah completed in 2016
* The Walkersville History book, *Tale of Two Villages,* published by The Committee
* Charles and Kathryn DVD on the history of Walkersville
* The historical research complied on the structures in 2015-2016
* Bob elected to reach out to Colleen Beard and offer our services and resources.
* **Woodsboro Walkersville Times:** Joel is working on an article about early airmail. Charlie will provide Joel with a photo that shows directional marks for airplane pilots, for mail delivery.
* Joel suggested we talk about potential future articles. Below are ideas shared.
* Walkersville Bank Robbery
* Plane crash in the 1970’s
* Unsolved murder of employee with the Barrick Store.
* Ghost of Walkersville
* The hanging in the Winebrenner house.
* History of the little building on Pennsylvania Avenue. (Today is the Glass Shop).
* History of the Ice House: Bonnie and Marianne have started the research for the article.
* Interview Charlie Nicodemus, family started the business
* Interview Dorothy Fogle, her uncle Baxter Murphy delivered the ice.
* Kathryn Nicodemus has a slide of Murphy and the ice wagon.
* **Treasure Report:**
* Balance: $3,406.20
* Marianne will deposit check from Community Foundation in the amount of $1,000 & $20 membership fee received.
* Matthew Benning paid membership due of $20, in cash. Marianne generated a receipt.
* Marianne requested authorization to write herself a check for $11.99, as re-imbursement for a file box that is being used for society financial documents. All agreed
* Marianne created a re-imbursement request form. She and Bob must sign the request form, prior to submission of a re-imbursement check.
* **Walkersville Southern Railroad**
* Railroad running a fundraising campaign. Building a brick platform in front of train station. Bricks are $100.
* Marianne requested the society purchase a brick for $100 and engrave

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* Bonnie motion to purchase brick with engraving. George seconded. All agreed.
* Marianne will write the check and submit to the Walkersville Southern Railroad for the brick.
* Trains running Saturday and Sunday, 11am and 2pm through October
* Santa train is at the end of November.
* **Monocacy Archeological Society**
* Joint program with Maryland Archeological Society, Monocacy Archeological Society, and Catoctin Historical Society.
* October 22, 2016, 8am to 4:30pm, $8 and lunch is $10
* Location: Harriett Chapel located on Catoctin Furnace Road
* All day conference: Slave sites, prehistoric pottery, and bone identification.
* Springfield Winery Tour: 4:30pm to 6pm
* Sprint Walk from 7:30pm – 9pm $10
* More information: Please visit Maryland Archeology Society <http://marylandarcheology.org/>
* **Events 2016**
* Bob would like to give his presentation about Hobo’s to the society members.
* Marianne offered her house/yard for the event. She has a bonfire pit. All were in favor. Will set date at next meeting.
* Bob called Jay Wolfe with the Woodsboro Historical Society, about doing a joint meeting. Bob has not received a return call.
* **Website:** Jonathan built the website platform in Weebly. The structure has 11 pages with linking capabilities. He demonstrated to Bonnie how to add content and make changes.
* Bonnie and Marianne will work on adding the content to the website.
* Charlie motion to give Jonathan $500 for his work to generate the website structure. Bonnie second the motion. All agreed. Passed.
* Marianne will generate a $500 check, payable to Jonathan Newman for the website. Charlie provided Marianne with Jonathan’s mailing address. Marianne will mail the check to Jonathan.
* **Possible location for historical society:** Matthew suggested we approach the town and request use of the summer kitchen located at Heritage Hills (Harris Farm House), for historical society meetings and displays. Matthew stressed we need to generate a proposal that explains our purpose.
* **Everyone bring back ideas for use, staffing, and upkeep.**
* **Joel will reach out to the current president of GVAA and request the opportunity to tour the Harris farm house at Heritage Hills.**

**Next meeting October 25th, 7pm, St. Paul’s Church, Sunday School Rooms.**