Wenonah Historical Society

General Membership Meeting

The Wenonah Historical Society (WHS) met at 7:30 PM on **January 14, 2022** via Jitsi Meet. Due to the high number of COVID cases caused by the Omicron variant, the Board of Directors decided that it was not wise to meet in person.

President Charlie Horan called the meeting to order. He noted that 17 members were present. That exceeds the number needed for a quorum, so we were able to conduct official business.

Programs – Jennie McQuaide announced programs for the coming months.

February 11, 2022 – History of the Wenonah Public Library presented by Anne Zuber

March 11, 2022 – G. G. Green's Opera House presented by the Gloucester County Historical Society

April 8, 2022 – History of Wenonah Elementary School presented by Lou McCall

May 13, 2022 – Picnic at Community Center – Show and Tell – presentations by members

Treasurer's Report

Scott Barnes reported that we have a balance of \$9,775.39. In addition, he reported that we have 3 CDs with a total value of \$59,540.68. **Dues of \$15 per family are payable by February 1.** Checks should be payable to WHS and should be mailed to **WHS, P. O. Box 32, Wenonah, NJ 08090**. Members voted to keep the dues at \$15 per family.

Election of officers

The nominating committee consisting of Scott Barnes, Richard Dilks, and Vicki and Lou McCall presented the following slate of officers.

President - Charlie Horan

Vice President – Nora Taylor

Treasurer - Scott Barnes

Secretary – Jennie McQuaide

Trustees – Paul Lader and Lou McCall

Vicki reported that the committee decided to ask current officers to continue in their roles for the next two years because we had so many missed meetings in the past two years due to the pandemic. There were no nominations from the floor. Charlie called for the vote and all were elected to serve again.

Historic Home Plaques

Larry Smith reported that 19 plaques were presented over the past year. Over the past five years, 61 plaques were presented. Three more are currently being made and three others are being researched. He thanked Tom and Kathy Lyons for their generosity in making and donating the plaques.

Museum

Larry is looking for a volunteer who is willing to learn Past Perfect so that he/she can help with cataloguing the items that we have in the museum. Larry recently received several photos related to the Wenonah Military Academy. He will post these on Facebook.

Tornado project

A WHS member suggested that we should form a committee to acquire memorabilia related to the tornado which devastated so many properties in Wenonah on September 1, 2021. This information will be of interest to future generations. Several members have volunteered. Larry Smith will work with the committee.

Rick Mitchell framed an enlarged copy of the newspaper article about the piano contest which he mentioned during his presentation in November. He will present this to WHS and ultimately to Wenonah Elementary School so that students can learn about this historic event which would have been lost to future generations without his diligent research.

Bylaws

Vicki McCall, Nora Taylor, and Jennie McQuaide will review the WHS bylaws and make recommendations for revisions.

The annual **Holiday Dinner** was held on December 2 and was sold out. Since it was not an official meeting, no minutes were prepared.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Submitted by Jennie McQuaide, Secretary