

Wenonah Historical Society
General Membership Meeting

The Wenonah Historical Society (WHS) met on **Friday, May 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM** at the Community Center for their annual picnic. President Charlie Horan welcomed members and guests.

Following the dinner, Charlie thanked Kathy Becker and Nora Taylor for coordinating the food contributions and Vicki and Lou McCall who helped with table set-up. He also thanked members for the large variety of covered dishes and beverages which they contributed.

Treasurer – Scott Barnes

Scott reported that the balance in our checking account is \$12,975.93.

Secretary – Jennie McQuaide

Minutes of the April meeting had been circulated via email.

Installation of officers

Charlie called on Jennie McQuaide to conduct the installation of new officers. She began by thanking the retiring officers – Charlie Horan, President; Nora Taylor, Vice President; Jennie McQuaide, Secretary; Scott Barnes, Treasurer; Paul Lader and Lou McCall, Trustees. She also thanked Larry Smith who has dedicated much time and energy to WHS over the past years. Incoming President, Vicki McCall, also thanked the retiring officers and presented tokens of appreciation to all.

Jennie used the symbolism of colors as a theme for the installation. She presented a different color folder to each of the incoming officers and explained the symbolism of each. The qualities which each color represents will be useful in the execution of the office.

For **Charlie Horan, Trustee**, she presented a green folder. Green represents nature, the environment, and new beginnings.

For **Nora Taylor, Trustee**, she presented a purple folder. Purple represents wisdom and creativity.

For **David Carter, Treasurer**, she presented a dark blue folder. Dark blue represents integrity and knowledge.

For **Joanne Christodoulou, Secretary**, she presented a turquoise folder. Turquoise represents calmness, clarity, and stability.

For **Jonathan Barbato, 2nd Vice President**, she presented a yellow folder. Yellow represents happiness and optimism. (Coincidentally, Jon was wearing a yellow shirt that evening.)

For **Gustavo DeMaia, 1st Vice President**, she presented an orange folder. Orange represents warmth and enthusiasm.

For **Vicki McCall, President**, she presented a red folder. Red represents passion, strength, and energy.

The installation ceremony concluded with a pledge by each of the officers to faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of office to the best of their ability.

Submitted by Jennie McQuaide, Secretary (retired)

Reminder: The Gloucester County Historical Society will be holding a special event at the Wenonah Cemetery on **Saturday, June 17 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM**. At that time, **Beck's Civil War Brigade Band** will perform and the **12th New Jersey Regiment** will hold an encampment there at the same time. Story tellers will talk about Civil War veterans who are buried in Wenonah Cemetery. This event is open to the general public. See the attached flyer or consult Nora Taylor for further details.