

Ayden Historical & Arts Society Minutes

April 23, 2023

Members Present:

Bill & Andrea Norris, Carolyn Rouse, Faye Warren, Page Worthington, Jackie Jones, Victoria Westbrook Killmon, Phil & Denise Barth, Lelia Jackson, Eric Walls

Guests Present:

Doris Conner and Sarah Conner (Town Commissioner)

Financial Report:

Checking Account Balance – 4/21/2023 \$16,509.66

Money Market (Savings) – 4/21/2023 \$15,032.98

Brick Account – 4/21/2023 \$ 1,100.00

Between February and April 2023 deposits totaled \$11,685.00

 \$7,500.00 – Grant

 \$1,000.00 – Town of Ayden

Expenses – Deposit Slips, Stamps for Newsletters (180 sent) Printer, ink, paper,
 Grant Salary

Updates:

9 Bricks waiting to be ordered. Andrea spoke with Chuck Dunn, order needs to be sent off by the Collard Festival. Transfer \$3,000.00 from Brick account into Savings Account.

Attendance:

Between February and April over 112 visited the museum including visitors from Westminster England and Massachusetts. (Son was named Ayden.

Groups and organizations continue to utilize our Museum for their meetings:
Kinston Dirt Daubers Garden Club – February 1

Attendance (cont)

Founder's Day – February 3

Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting & Tour – February 25

Rissi Palmer Concert – March 9 – Phil did poster and worked with Holly Garriott on concert promotion. Concert gave recognition to museum

Agenda of upcoming events were discussed

April 27 - Chamber of Commerce Staff Development for new teachers in Ayden

Including a tour of the museum

May 18 – Greenville FWB Church Senior Group

May 23 – Smith-Turnage Family meeting

May 19-20 – Kings of Cue BBQ Festival

Ways of getting more groups to use the Museum to hold their meetings

Need for a script to use for self-guided tours. Faye Warren volunteered to help write the script.

Church Exhibit:

Research was completed and will highlight 16 churches in the Ayden Area with a 100 year existence. Phil is designing the exhibit which will include stained glass windows from 5 churches. Brochure for churches was discussed and need for volunteers to help on this project.

New Business:

Mural Delay: There has been a delay in the Mural because of a serious health issue with Philip. He was hospitalized in March and has been recovering. The Mural has been setback. Also discussed the need for volunteers to help with the Mural Project. Discussed with the Town of Ayden about mounting the framework for the mural.

Technology Issues:

Update from Eric about Website development with a local developer Brandon Webb, and Impacti Solutions. Costs and fees were discussed. Also discussed were the need to update website, and if we need to update.

Also discussed if the Town of Ayden has an I.T. person, and can the Ayden website be linked to our website.

A motion was made by Victoria to go with Impacti and link with town of Ayden, the was seconded by Lelia. The motion was carried.

Also discussed was the internet/phone, Metronet/Optimum and quotes by both companies. A motion was made by Denise to go with Metronet, it was seconded by Eric. The motion was carried.

Cemetery Collaboration:

Angela Roberson/Mills Family Book

Discussion to fully or partially fund publication of Ms. Roberson's book, (expense would be \$500.00 - \$1,000.00 max), and benefits to the museum. Questions were raised about the concern by precedent of paying for the book. Eric discussed that the publication would increase profile in the community. Eric will do more research and Ms. Roberson is slated to come to the Collard Festival. A motion was made by Lelia to table the discussion until the next meeting. Page seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

New Town Manager:

Scott Howard is the new Town Manager for Ayden. Andrea will extend invite to come to tour the museum, and attend a board meeting.

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed for:

- Week
- Docents
- BBQ Festival
- Brochure on Churches
- Mural

Open House for May:

Open house for May has been canceled, Open the Friday/Saturday for the BBQ Festival.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2023