

Ayden Historical & Arts Society Minutes

~~October~~
~~January 23, 2023~~

Members Present

Victoria Killmon, Denise Barth, Phil Barth, Andrea & Bill Norris,
Lelia Jackson, Jackie Jones, Eric Walls, Dale Cockrell, and Carolyn Rouse

Guests Present

Holly Garriott, George Snyder, Barbara Wade

Holly Garriott Presentation

Holly conducted a survey to investigate: What Arts are needed in Pitt Co.? How Can the Arts Council help? What role should Art play in the community? What can be done to include more accessibility for people in the Arts?

Minutes were approved.

Financial Report

Checking Acct. Balance	\$11,385.29
Money Mkt. Savings	\$12,002.24
Brick Acct. Balance	3,358.20

Expenses for the quarter included part-time employment, supplies, AASLH dues, bricklaying.

A discussion to ask Chuck Dunn about decreasing the amount of money in the brick account & transferring to our Savings Account was made.

A motion to approve the report was passed.

Updates

Bricks

11 bricks have been added since July. 2022 for a total of 175 bricks

Attendance

AHS Classes of 1958 & 1965 toured the museum as a part of their reunion weekend. During the months of August-October a total of 168 individuals visited the museum

Exhibits

The Quilt Exhibit featuring quilter George Snyder was very successful. The exhibit will be repurposed in November and replaced by art from the Collard Festival.

The Historic Churches of Ayden Exhibit is a work in progress. Eric Walls is the lead researcher for the exhibit on Historic Ayden Cemeteries.

New Business

- Members were asked for suggestions for the Fall-Winter newsletter.
- Internet service was discussed and it was decided to wait until next year to evaluate options.
- Once a town manager is hired, a discussion about adding the museum as a line item to the budget will be discussed.
- Christmas Time in Ayden will be Thursday, December 1, 2022. The museum will be open from 4-8pm. Hot apple cider & cookies will be served.
- Ayden's 1st Founder's Day Event was discussed. More details will be forthcoming.
- Other ideas suggested for the museum were:
 - ___ Plaques designed by the museum staff for historic homes in Ayden were suggested
 - ___ Souvenir pens/pencils with the name of the museum was discussed.
 - ___ A need of a written narrative for each exhibit was expressed in case the volunteer is absent for the exhibit room.
 - ___ An update on the museum open times is needed for the Collard Chronicles.
 - ___ Denise Barth volunteered to become the Secretary-Treasurer for Ayden Historical & Arts Society for 2023-2025.

Our next meeting is January 22, 2023