**Pleasants County Historical Society**
**Minutes of September 17, 2026**

The Pleasants County Historical Society met on Thursday, September 17th at the Pleasants County Senior Center at 209 2nd Street, St. Marys, WV 26170. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Dan Boley who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by vice president, Tim Sweeney to begin the meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes of the July 16th meeting were sent by email to the membership for review by Sue Waggoner. Any corrections or changes were to be sent to her so that she could amend the minutes. The minutes were approved as sent on a motion by Patty Bills and seconded by Charley Elder. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was provided by Treasurer Charley Elder and approved on a motion by Dave Eddy second by Carol Statler. Motion passed. The report will be filed with the minutes of this meeting. Anyone that has not paid their dues is encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

**DONATIONS**

Pam McFarland shared items that were donated by Airyell Shultz of a 1931-1955 Ledger for the WV Training School that had many interesting items including 2 plants for the Browse Mansion, Yearbooks for 1976, 1967,1970, 1971, framed History Hero certificates for Jackie & Bryan Bills, and on loan are Deposit Tickets from Charleston and A 1936 framed certificate for WC Wilcoxon from the Pierce Fauchard Academy. The academy is a volunteer run nonprofit dental organization founded by Dr. Elmer Best in 1936. The object is independence from commercial interests in dental research & to raise professional standards. Fauchard (1678 - 1761) was a French dentist considered to be the "Father of Modern Dentistry". It still exists in different states and has 7,000 members of the academy internationally, 11 global regions, and 142 local sections.

Charley shared that Tom Bishop donated a light fixture from the Samberson House and a collection of political campaign buttons this evening. Eddy Byers had donated a set of buggy/work harness to the Farm Museum. Tom Weekley had donated a unique license plate that was issued during the war when metal was limited. It was a 1943 small license that was attached to the previous license plate.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No relevant correspondence

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**DAR & OBITUARIES – Patty Bills**

Pat shared that she gave Sue Waggoner a copy of a Preservation grant from the DAR that might help to pay for our website. She gave her the zoom meeting dates & info. She also shared about the loss of Debbie Thompson.

**RAISING HOPE TO PURPOSE – Dan Boley & Caryl Bishop**

Dan shared that they have $10,000 to support their grant requests. However, they cannot repair trailers and are not allowed to work on any roofs because of the lack of liability insurance. But they can give grants for repairs to roofs.

**MILITARY – Tom Bishop**

Tom shared that they had served 98 breakfasts on July 12th. They had a meeting on September 3rd with a dinner. They are conducting the opening ceremony for the Youth Ag Fair on Saturday morning. The next breakfast will beon October 10th from 8:30 to 10 a.m. He encourages everyone to attend. Bricks are once again available for Veterans beginning at $40 and will be placed at the Veterans Park.

**AV EQUIPMENT – Dave Eddy**

Dan thanked Dave for providing the sound system for the August Honor Family Dinner. Dave shared the equipment was find.

**MUSEUM –**

Pam McFarland thanked everyone that had assisted with the Second Street Museum this summer. She mentioned that Lane Ogdin had covered one of the Saturdays in August. Dan volunteered to be at the museum on Saturday, September 19th and Dave Eddy volunteered to do the last Saturday for this year of September 26th. Pam said that she would be glad to open the museum anytime someone wanted to visit but we had very few visit this summer. Her phone number is on the door so anyone can contact her to schedule a visit.

Charley Elder shared that that he had had several calls to visit the Farm Museum based on having his number posted on the door. He shared that the Farm Museum would be open during the Youth Agricultural Fair on Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 12-3 p.m. Unfortunately, due to new personnel that we were not on the schedule for the school children on Friday. It was shared that that will be back next year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Sue Waggoner shared that we are in the planning stage of publicity to get community participation regarding the Next Generations Project. She shared that she and Pam had provided information to the website administrator to identify the location of the pictures in the gallery on our website.

Dan shared that Matt Bailey made a nice presentation on the Bailey Family update at our family history picnic on August 2nd.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business at this time.

**PROGRAM**

Dan lead a discussion concerning Crisp/ Jonestown and the history of the Zoar Church. A lively discussion ensued concerning Pt. Lookout, Clay Point, Rt 16 with input from Gene Bell, Dave Eddy, Charley Elder and Tim Sweeney that concluded the discussion with a story of how Hiram Carpenter & O.C. Sweeney got a bill passed to build a bridge at St. Marys publicizing it as a shortway West and how Sweeney had converted the old mill to a gas station. Everyone enjoyed the stories.

Dan asked that people come prepared to share history of other parts of the county for our next meeting.

**ADJOURMENT**

The group formally adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 15th .

Those in attendance were:
Dan Boley, Charley Elder, Sue Waggoner, Dave Eddy, Caryl Bishop, Tom Bishop, Carol Statler, Pat Bill, Alice Rolston, Claude Rolston, Pam McFarland, Tim Sweeney, and Gene Bell.

For the Good of the Order:

The address for our website is: http://www:pleasantscountyhistoricalsociety.org
and is linked with the Pleasants County WV Gen Web http://www.wvgw.net/pleasants/