

Pleasants County Historical Society
Minutes of July 17, 2025

The Pleasants County Historical Society met on Thursday, June 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 June 19th 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. Being no changes or corrections, the minutes were approved on a motion by Caryl Bishop and seconded by Charley Elder. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was provided by Treasurer Charley Elder with a motion by Patty McCullough to accept and second by Dave Eddy. Motion passed. The report will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

DONATIONS

Mr. Gene Bell shared some family pictures from his family collection to be copied and originals returned. Everyone thanked Mr. Bell for his donation.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no relevant correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DAR & OBITUARIES – Patty Bills

Patty provided a list of the latest obituaries that will be filed with the minutes. She also updated the group that the first meeting of the new year for the DAR would be on August 23rd with Blythe Grove as the Regent.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Caryl Bishop

Caryl & Dan shared that they are still waiting on the liability insurance and are looking for more volunteers. Projects they plan to complete are building ramps.

MILITARY – Tom Bishop

Tom shared that they did not have a breakfast in July but would begin August 9th for the regular second Saturday of the month breakfast.

AV EQUIPMENT – Dave Eddy

Mr. Eddy shared that the equipment is Ok.

MUSEUM –

Pam McFarland thanked everyone for their assistance in keeping the museum open. The schedule for August is:

Aug. 2	Pam McFarland
Aug. 9	Sue Waggoner
Aug. 16	Pat Bills
Aug. 23	Caryl & Tom Bishop
Aug. 30	Dave Eddy

Pam shared that she had a young couple that visited in July and spent the entire 2 hours reading the labels and looking at each of the displays. They shared how much they enjoyed their visit. Everyone that visits seems to enjoy the experience.

Charley Elder shared that the Charley McCullough family spent over two hours touring the Farm Museum during their recent visit. Mr. McCullough has donated numerous items to the collection and he was encouraging another family member to do the same during their visit. He said that as Pam says everyone enjoys their visit but getting them to stop by is the issue. Although we do not have set hours like 2nd Street Museum, he shared that anyone can just call him to schedule a tour and his number is displayed on the Old Farm Museum door.

PROGRAM

President Boley introduced Mr. Gene Bell who gave an interesting and very detailed description of the history of Long Reach. In attendance was Ken Holmes who added some personal information about the history of the area and the cemetery. Mr. Bell shared that he is part of a group that is compiling information to publish a book to raise funds to maintain the cemetery. People could sign up if interested in purchasing a copy of the history.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) To complete planning for the Ogden Family History presentation on Sunday, August 10th at the Senior Center Dan requested the show of hands for those that would be planning on attending the dinner. A total of 9 indicated they would attend. Dan was to check with Lane to inquire about how many family members he anticipated in order to place the order for steak & hot rolls. Plates, silverware, cups & tea will be provided as in previous years.

- 2) Pam McFarland shared that she had met with the author of a book about the Silver Bridge that was working on a book about the Tower Collapse in reference to his research providing clarification on several issues. He is scheduled to make a presentation at the Library on Oct. 23rd at 6 -7:30 p.m. and has requested that the Historical Society sponsor it. After discussion, Pat Bills made a motion to sponsor the presentation, seconded by Tim Sweeney. Motion was approved.

Adjournment

The group formally adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to allow those present to discuss & review the materials and pictures with Mr. Bell.

Those in attendance were:

Dan Boley, Charley Elder, Sue Waggoner, Dave Eddy, Caryl Bishop, Tom Bishop, Gene Bell, Claude Rolston, Alice Rolston, Patty McCullough, Pam McFarland, Pat Bills, Tim Sweeney, Eve Light, Ken Holmes & Doris Holmes.