

**Pleasants County Historical Society**  
**Minutes of July 16, 2026**

The Pleasants County Historical Society met on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Pleasants County Senior Center at 209 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 to begin the meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes of the June 18<sup>st</sup> 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 Caryl Bishop second by Dan Pitts. 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**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no relevant correspondence.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**DAR & OBITUARIES – Patty Bills**

Pat shared that the DAR has their district meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Pat stated that she would provide a copy of the obituaries to Sue to be filed with our minutes.

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

Dan shared that they are up and running but have not had any grant requests. The grants are available from \$25 to \$35.

**MILITARY – Tom Bishop**

Tom shared that they had served 134 breakfasts on July 11<sup>th</sup>. They had a military funeral. Their next meeting is on August 6<sup>th</sup> & next breakfast on August 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

Dave shared that he would have the sound system set up for the August Honor Family Dinner. Dan complimented Dave on his new equipment.

## **MUSEUM –**

Pam McFarland secured some volunteers for the Second Street Museum for the month of August. Dates are as follows:

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| Aug. 1st              | Pam McFarland |
| Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Sue Waggoner  |
| Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup> |               |
| Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Pat Bills     |
| Aug. 29 <sup>th</sup> |               |

Please contact Pam if you could assist for Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for volunteering!

Charley Elder shared that anyone interested in visiting the Farm Museum just needed to call him at (304)684-7831 and a time would be arranged.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Sue Waggoner shared that she had secured the 10 additional copies from Sir Speedy as was decided at our last meeting and currently has 5 books remaining available to purchase. Thus far of the total 12 books available 7 have been purchased by Dan Boley, Dave Brewer, Charley Elder, Mark Bartrug, Patty Bills (2), & Claude Rolston.

Charley Elder informed the group that we are just waiting on the approval of our credit card to pay for the website costs when due.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Boley shared that we are looking forward to the presentation by Matt Bailey of the Bailey Family history on Sunday, August 2, 2026. Tonight we need to finalize our count for the dinner of members planning to attend. Anticipated count was 12 and Dan will be in contact with Matt as to how many family & friends he anticipates. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. The society provides the meat, rolls, tea, and silverware. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish/dessert.

## **PROGRAM**

Sue Waggoner discussed the implementation of the minigrant by securing a third party administrator and person to maintain the site which the group on a motion by Dan Pitts made a motion that the Next Generation administrator and maintenance coordinator for the site contracts be approved and second by Pat Bills. The motion passed unanimously.

Sue also shared that the County Commission had not developed a plan to date, for the Time Capsule that the Governor had sent to each county for the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and recommended that the Society discuss it in depth at our next meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> to develop a plan to assist the commission in this endeavor.

## **ADJOURMENT**

The group formally adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Our next meeting will be the annual Family Honor Picnic on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. by Matt Bailey at the Senior Center. Our next business meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Topics will be the Next Generations Project and the Time Capsule.

Those in attendance were:

Dan Boley, Charley Elder, Sue Waggoner, Dave Eddy, Caryl Bishop, Tom Bishop, Dan Pitts, Lane Ogden, Pat Bill, Alice Rolston, Claude Rolston, Pam McFarland & Betsy LaRue.

For the Good of the Order:

The address for our website is: <http://www.pleasantshistoricalcounty.org>  
and is linked with the Pleasants County Chamber of Commerce at  
<http://www.grow.pleasantshistoricalcounty.org> and Pleasants County WV Gen Web  
<http://www.wvgw.net/pleasants/>