Pleasants County Historical Society
Minutes of October 15, 2026

The Pleasants County Historical Society met on Thursday, October 15th 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 Tom Bishop who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer by Pam McFarland to begin the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT
The minutes of the Sept 17th 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 Alice Rolston and seconded by Tom Bishop. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT
The treasurer's report was provided by Treasurer Charley Elder and approved on a motion by Tom Bishop seconded by Gene Bell. 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

Charley Elder shared that Larry & Deloris Butcher donated an antique cast iron parlor gas heater from their historic mail order home at 803 Dewey Avenue St. Marys, WV. It was manufactured by the Quad Stove Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio. Produced in the early 1900s. Originally configured for wood or natural gas. It has ornate scrolling, cabriole legs, central focal medallion, protective lattice grid. The façade displays elaborate & floral reliefs characteristic of the late Victorian era. Lew Wilson converted it to an electric stove with lighting for ambiance. 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. Charley was pleased to share that a Formac wall clock was donated by the Fetty Family from his grandparent's home.

CORRESPONDENCE
No relevant correspondence

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DAR & OBITUARIES – Patty Bills
Pat shared that the DAR would be honoring the New Martinsville Fire Department this year. Lane Ogden shard that the St. Marys Volunteer Fire Department appreciated the DAR recognition.

RAISING HOPE TO PURPOSE – Dan Boley & Caryl Bishop
Since Caryl & Dan were absent, Tom shared that they were to meet with the FRN on Oct. 26 about materials & clints.

MILITARY – Tom Bishop

Tom shared that they had served 160 breakfasts on October 10th . They will have a meeting on Nov 5th with a dinner. On the 11th they will have a memorial service at the Veteran's Park and on Nov. 14th they will have their next breakfast from 8:30 to 10 a.m. He encourages everyone to attend. They also have a plan to serve Thanksgiving dinner as in the past. Make reservations for your carry out or eat in dinners. 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 there had been no activity since his last report.

MUSEUM –

Pam McFarland thanked everyone that had assisted with the Second Street Museum this summer but reported there had been only 17 visitors including 1 musician-Mr. Bell and Eddie Wilson who had enjoyed his visit.

Charley Elder shared that approximately 30 people had visited this year with most during the AG Fair. Others had called to schedule visits.

OLD BUSINESS

Sue Waggoner shared that the Next Generations project had one story posted but tonight Claude had shared several of his family's history to be posted. Everyone was encouraged to add to their past post in the 1980's book or provide a new family history.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan had noted on the agenda that he had talked with Mike Malone about coming to a meeting but had has not committed at this time.

PROGRAM

The group discussed how much they had enjoyed Mike's posts and hoped that he would come join our group. Then we had a very interesting evening by the group sharing making additional comments on topics discussed including the Old Mill and the date it was built and Alice shared much of its history. It was shared that the joint from the mill had been donated by Tim Sweeney at the grand opening of the museum. Claude & Alice had shared that when it was torn down that they had purchased beams that Claude had turned into vases for the family and donated one to the museum. It along with the beam were displayed with the replica of the mill made by Scott Grose. Then we discussed the picture of the hose fire brigade. Lane shared that the Hose hat at the museum that he had had refurbished was seen on a man in the center of the picture. Alice shared that the photo showed the mill and her home when it was a one story before the flood of 1913. It was then raised and made a two story home that the

Brown's live in today. One story led to another and the evening ended up being very enjoyable with everyone having something to share. I became so involved that I neglected to list all that the group discussed. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

ADJOURMENT

The group formally adjourned at 8:20 p.m. but several continued to share memories for sometime. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 17th .

Those in attendance were:
Charley Elder, Sue Waggoner, Dave Eddy, Tom Bishop, Carol Statler, Pat Bill, Alice Rolston, Claude Rolston, Pam McFarland, Gene Bell, and Lane Ogdin.

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/
Check out our website and view the next generation stories then plan on what you are going to contribute about your family.