

Pleasants County Historical Society
Minutes of June 18, 2026

The Pleasants County Historical Society met on Thursday, June 18th 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 Tim Sweeney, vice president, to begin the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the May 21st 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 Larry Butcher. 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

Larry Butcher brought a large box of pictures donated by Fran Weekley of the John Williamson Family. The donation was unanimously accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no relevant correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DAR & OBITUARIES – Patty Bills

Pat shared that the DAR has totes and yard flags for sale for our 250th Anniversary. She shared that they will have their National Convention the end of June at the Continental Congress and their district meeting is in August. 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 going to provide some grants of \$25 to \$35 beginning July 1 for work projects. They anticipate a total of \$40,000 per year. They hope to have additional information at our next meeting.

MILITARY – Tom Bishop

Tom shared that they had served 124 breakfasts on June 13th. They had a meeting on June 9th & breakfast on June 13th. They plan on having their monthly meeting on July 3rd and breakfast on July 11th 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. He is quite pleased with his new equipment.

MUSEUM –

Pam McFarland secured volunteers for the Second Street Museum for the month of July.

July 4 th	Pam McFarland
July 11 th	Dave Eddy
July 18 th	Pat Bills
July 25 th	Sue Waggoner

Charley Elder shared that anyone interested in visiting the Farm Museum just needed to call him and a time would be arranged.

OLD BUSINESS

Sue Waggoner shared that the minigrant application had been approved by the County Commission. The Grant covered the costs of expansion of the website by Chris McGrew for \$2000 for The Next Generations Project that entails a modification to the website in addition to posting a digital copy of our History of Pleasants County to 1980 and the converting and posting of family histories. It approved the additional annual cost of \$700 per year for year round service of the site, \$73 (3 year period) for the domain, and \$801.02 charge for a 3 year period for a premium plan: CORE to house our information. The total grant was \$3,574.02.

After a discussion of the spiral bound printed copies of the *History of Pleasants County to 1980*. A motion was made by Pat Bills to charge \$50 for the books after discussion of various prices due to the cost to have it copied & bound. It was second by Pam McFarland. Motion was passed

A motion was made by Charley Elder to have 10 additional copies printed by Sir Speedy. The motion was second by Dave Eddy. Motion passed.

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.

PROGRAM

Gene Bell had a beautiful display of his hand made flintlock long rifle that is made from curly maple embellished with ornate silver carvings and insets. The beautiful hand carved silver eagle took him two weeks alone to complete. His son had made a matching display mounting for his gun. Gene shared it took him over 2 years to make his rifle. Mr. Bell gave an extensive presentation as to how his rifle worked and compared it to the muzzleloader. His gun was the type of rifle that won the American Revolution.



ADJOURMENT

The group formally adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Our next meeting will be on July 16th .

Those in attendance were:

Dan Boley, Charley Elder, Sue Waggoner, Dave Eddy, Caryl Bishop, Tom Bishop, Carol Statler, Gene Bell, Lane Ogden, Pat Bills, Tim Sweeney and Larry Butcher,

For the Good of the Order:

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