

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

The Pleasants County Historical Society met on Thursday, April 16th 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 by Tim Sweeney to begin the meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes of the March 19<sup>th</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 Charley Elder and seconded by Dave Eddy. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was provided by Treasurer Charley Elder with a motion by Carol Statler second by Caryl Bishop. 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**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no relevant correspondence.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**DAR & OBITUARIES – Patty Bills**

Absent

**RAISING HOPE TO PURPOSE – Caryl Bishop**

Caryl & Dan shared that they are still waiting on insurance through the state to be able to do work projects. They will pursue grants if they are unable to get the workers comp. They hope to have better news after their meeting this month.

**MILITARY – Tom Bishop**

Tom shared that they had served a 167 breakfasts last month. They have a meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> & breakfast on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:30 a.m. He encouraged 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**

Mr. Eddy shared that he was very pleased with the new equipment that greatly improved the audio for our Fundraiser presenter. Dave and his son did an excellent job of setting up the new equipment that provided wonderful audio for the program. President Boley thanked Dave for all of his work in this regard. The group gave him a round of applause.

## **MUSEUM –**

Charley Elder and Pam McFarland said there was nothing new to share except that they plan to have both open on Alumni Weekend.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Boley shared that Charley and Sue had met with Chris McGrew about arranging for a credit card for the historical society to have on file to cover the rental for the webpage in stead of his personal credit card. Charley met with the Pleasants County Bank and has submitted an application.

Mr. McGrew shared the two upcoming cost for the website were on December 24, 2026, a charge of \$72.66 for a 3 year cycle for the domain: pleasantscountyhistoricalsociety.org. Then on January 4, 2027 there is an \$801.36 charge for a 3 year cycle for the premium plan: core to house our information.

Dan Boley made a motion to approve a \$1000 line of credit for our card. After discussion, Tim Sweeney amended the motion to approve a request for \$1200 line of credit. The amended motion was approved on a motion by Pam McFarland with a second by Carol Statler. Motion passed.

President Boley stated he had a request that we change our Family Honor Dinner to the First Sunday in August. The group unanimously agreed to the date change. This year it would be August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **PROGRAM**

Sue Waggoner updated the group on her progress to get the Pleasants County History to 1980 digitized. She shared that she had taken her copy of the book to Sir Speedy following a discussion with Mr. McGrew who felt it would be higher quality & much easier due to the unique size to pursue scanning by a business. Sue had pursued and shared that they would scan the book that was a 11x14 for \$.20/page. She had hoped to have it completed by the meeting but was told today that it should be ready by close of work on Friday. The book would be divided into two sections and saved on a thumbdrive. Section 1-4 would be the history and the second would be the family histories. This would allow for easier access when posted online & for finding a person on the thumbdrive.

They also offered to have a couple sample copies of the book printed for our review bound with a ring binder. Estimate was \$40 for a color cover page and clear cover. Sue said she would bring them for our review to the next meeting along with a thumbdrive of the book. Suggestions from the group shared that we might be able to offer the printed copy and to offer a digital copy for purchase as well as having it placed on our website.

The address for our website is: <http://www.pleasantscountyhistoricalsociety.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/>

After meeting with Mr. McGrew, it became apparent that we had plenty of space to be able to place the book online. Discussion continued of needing to add additional information to our website as the County commissioners that had attended our meeting had mentioned. Sue was to check with Mr. McGrew to see what all would be involved in allowing us to add family articles and pictures to our website. What specifications would be needed for a family to submit their articles & pictures. Also, Sue can now access our society email on her telephone so she can respond other than only Mr. McGrew having access.

Charley and Dan reported on the annual fundraiser. Charly provided a breakdown of

expenses:	January 12	WV Humanities Council	\$150
	March 12	Oracle for tickets	\$30
	April 8	Galaxy Food Deli 40 meals ordered	\$522.79
		Supplies: dressings, bowls, plates	
		Napkins, ice, cash box, banner	<u>\$128.05</u>
			\$830.84
Revenue:	25 tickets @ \$40		<u>\$1000</u>
<b>Profit</b>			<b>\$169.16,</b>
		Price per ticket \$830.84 divide by 25 tickets sold	\$33.20
Donations were			<u>\$2111.92</u>
			\$2281.08

To help cover our museum expenses/utilities.

## **ADJOURMENT**

The group formally adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> .

Those in attendance were:

Dan Boley, Charley Elder, Sue Waggoner, Dave Eddy, Caryl Bishop, Tom Bishop, Carol Statler, Pam McFarland, Tim Sweeney, Alice Rolston, Claude Rolston & Gene Bell.