

Minutes for Shawnee Historical Society, October 18, 2011 6:30 pm

At: The Shawnee Tea Room, Shawnee, CO

Shawnee Historical Society is a branch of the Park County Historical Society.

Present: Barbara Behl, Leona Nelson, Linda Wood, Lynn Hayden, Doug Stephens  
PCHS, Clyde Johnson, Larry Behl, Vincent Tolpo, Carolyn Tolpo, Rhonda Dusatko.

Minutes were read. Treasurers report showed \$1000.94.

There was discussion regarding the October 29<sup>th</sup> field trip to cemeteries including the Shawnee cemetery from 3-5 pm with refreshments donated by the Shawnee Tea Room. The SHS cemetery committee includes Rhonda Dusatko, Barbara Behl, Lynn Hayden, Vincent Tolpo and Betty Coulthard. Barbara shared the list of the interred with the committee. Park County Road and Bridge met with the committee regarding the control of erosion from the adjoining county road and the damage to the cemetery. The Park County Cemetery Board and the Historic Preservation officer needs to be consulted before any work is done.

Jim Sapp will be publishing SHS minutes on <http://www.parkcountyhistory.com/>.

PCHS will hold the Park County 150 year birthday party celebration on November 1 at 6 pm.

Archivist, Rhonda Dusatko, volunteered to make the SHS scrapbook. Rhonda is in need of information and photos.

Vincent Tolpo reported on his meeting with his friend, Dr. Robert Bouilly, US Army military historian from Ft. Bliss, TX. Dr. Bouilly talked about the Civil War headstones that were standardized during Teddy Roosevelt's administration and placed on Civil War veteran graves throughout the country. The rounded tops like the one on the Bonnifield grave in Shawnee belonged to Union Soldiers. Confederate Soldiers had pointed triangular tops. Dr. Bouilly also stressed that local historical organizations should take note of current events and existing current structures since both will become important to historians in the future. Now is history. Linda Wood said it would be interesting to put together a time capsule. Leona Nelson volunteered to draft a narrative for each home in the Shawnee National Historic District for future use.

Shawnee History Day will be in May each year. Shawnee Day will be a community celebration each summer.

Next Meeting is Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Shawnee Tea Room.

Submitted by,

Carolyn Tolpo