

Minutes for Shawnee Historical Society, November 15, 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 Jerome Behl, Leona Nelson, Lynn Hayden, Art Hall(PCHS), Larry Behl, Vincent Tolpo, Carolyn Tolpo, Rhonda Dusatko, Betty Coulthard, Glen Ryan(USFS), Alice Higginbottom Ryan.

Minutes were read. Treasurers report: no update.

Minutes are to be converted to PDF files and shown to the SHS president. Then they will be presented to the membership meeting for approval before being sent to Webmaster Jim Sapp.

There was discussion regarding the October 29th field trip to cemeteries including the Shawnee cemetery. Photos of the event were shared. It was noted that long-time Shawnee resident, Bob Wonder's family is buried in the Silver Springs Cemetery in Wandcrest as well as Art Hall's family. Art Hall is looking for an original photograph of the Shawnee Cemetery to guide any restorative efforts. There was discussion about the ground penetrating radar study in Lake George made by students from the School of Mines. It was suggested that Leona Nelson will contact Steve Plutt about arranging for a similar study in Shawnee.

Amy Unger, PC historic preservation officer, is scheduled but unconfirmed for the January 17th SHS meeting. Rhonda Dusatko will make a presentation about Charlie Tyler at the February 21st SHS meeting.

Leona Nelson will show her draft of the SHS Walking Tour on March 20th.

Members present discussed SHS goals and missions. The walking tour was considered a way to promote the history of Shawnee. Restoring the Shawnee Cemetery by building a retaining wall, identifying interred personages, and other considerations is also considered a goal. Shawnee Day was considered an important way to celebrate Shawnee in the summer. Date to be determined. The archiving of objects will go to the Park County Historical Society in Bailey and the archiving of ephemera will go to Jane Gilsinger at the Park County Archives. Shawnee archivist, Rhonda Dusatko, needs forms and guidelines. A Shawnee Historic Cookbook was discussed again as a reprint of the Bailey Confederated Women's Cookbook with additional chapters. Every May is the Shawnee History Day organized by Barbara Behl, Vincent and Carolyn Tolpo in conjunction with the State History month. 2012 will be the 3rd annual. Glen Ryan suggested that the historic USFS Pack String Mule Team be included in the festivities. Everyone welcomed this idea. Details will be forthcoming after the Behls, the Ryans, the Tolpos and Art Hall meet. Glen Ryan requests help to coordinate information for a planned interpretive history kiosk at the parking area across the river. There could also eventually be an historic trail along the river and into the Pike National forest.

SHS December meeting will convene with the Park County Historical Society meeting on December 10th and 5 PM at the Shawnee Community Center. \$5 admission for dinner.

Submitted by Carolyn Tolpo