

Western Allegheny Community Historical Society

November 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

In attendance were Cathy Scott, Cheryl Rinehart, Keith and Mary Kay Kropf, Doris Pichi, Pam Perry and Amanda Kirby.

PROGRAM IDEAS FOR 2018:

- Heather Auman, the Technical Services Librarian, is planning on conducting an Ancestry.com class and a Scan session using Library scanners and computers to capture local history.
- Amanda will send out information on potential Heinz History Center lectures.
- Cathy is checking into a Wilson Log House tour.
- Jerry Andres of Pioneers West Historical offered a tour of the Walker-Ewing Log Cabin on May 15, 2018 at 7 p.m. This would be both an indoor/outdoor program.
- Pam is to check with Soldiers and Sailors to see if they offer a program on the Revolutionary War, as suggested by Doris.
- Amanda suggested a presentation on White Swan Park. Cheryl is to contact the daughters of the former owners. She also has items that were donated from a former employee of the park.
- Civilian Conservation Corps, who helped to establish Raccoon Creek State Park and projects nationwide and in our area. Cheryl will make the contact to inquire about one of their Camps.
- Pam will check to see if there is a Program on Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

It was decided that we would not be called Board members, but a Committee and will be seeking persons to serve on the Committee. The current application will be changed to indicated that membership will run from January to December. It was decided to change our Membership fees to \$5.00 a person.

MEETING DATES:

Meetings will be held on the Second Thursday in the months of February, May, August and November at 1:00 p.m.

FEES/FUNDRAISING:

It was discussed if we should start charging a small fee to attend our programs, and if we should have crafts, etc. at events and charge a small fee. Cheryl researched other historical groups and indicated that Dormont put together a calendar to sale. We can research companies that can do this work and the upfront cost.

PROMOTIONS:

Amanda indicated that the Library works with Lifespan and can solicit the members for pictures, articles, etc. During the initial research for the history wall, Cathy and Kathy Bartha had gone to a North Fayette senior group meeting and Cheryl went to the Findlay senior group to solicit for the same. Doris is going to look into a newly formed South Fayette History group that was mentioned at a recent senior group meeting. Amanda indicated that there is free access to Ancestry.com if

using the library computers. Cheryl will re-write to update the article that is currently posted on the Library's website for our group.

LETTERING OF FEATURE PANEL

Pam and Kathy will be working to placing lettering of "Step Into Our Past" at our feature panel.