

Minutes of the Knox County Historical Society
Tuesday, April 16, 2024

The Knox County Historical Society met at 6:00 p.m. at Lucky's Café in Edina. The meeting was called to order by Brent Karhoff, President.

Copies of the March 19, 2024, minutes were available for review. A motion was made by Janice McGinnis and seconded by Betty Jo Gonnerman to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Janice McGinnis, Treasurer, reported that \$8,679.42 was the historical society's balance on hand. It was also noted that the insurance for the museum has increased.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Davidson finished repairing the pillar on the museum's front porch and its foundation. He also cleaned out the gutters. The bill has not yet been received. A hot water heater will be put in the museum soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anita James will be cleaning up the flower bed on the east side of the museum to eliminate some poisonous plants soon.

Anita James will represent the Knox County Historical Society on April 17th in Memphis, Mo. She will make a presentation to the Scotland County Rotary Club on Knox County history. RaNae Vaughn will accompany her.

NEW BUSINESS

The museum will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning May 25th and ending the Saturday during Corn Fest, which is September 7th.

On May 18th, members of the Knox County Historical Society will participate in a cemetery tour. Cemeteries toured will include Millport, Colony, and Standiford. Lunch will be held in Rutledge.

The City-wide yard sales will be Saturday, June 8th. The historical society will participate once again since this has been a good fundraiser. Everyone is encouraged to donate any unwanted items that can be sold at a yard sale. Donated items do not necessarily have to be historic.

A meeting of the Northeast Missouri Genealogical Society will be held in Edina on June 22nd. Participants will tour Knox County's Kelly House Museum.

Brent Karhoff gave an interesting program on Millport, Missouri, which was a thriving community in Knox County for many years. Millport was founded in 1838 by Stephen Cooper and Redding Roberts. This bustling town was named for a water mill owned by Stephen Cooper. It also boasted a flouring mill, sawmill, grist mill, wagon factory, hotel, shoe shop, and two medical doctors. A post office was established in 1858 and remained in operation until 1901. A Catholic church was built in 1871 and burned down in July 1915. A covered bridge was

constructed in 1872 by William H. Hudson, and it collapsed in 1952. A high school was built in 1876. Brent shared many pictures of the Millport area.

Brent Karhoff suggested that future programs may consist of remembering and discussing “ghost towns” such as Jeddo, Locust Hill, Greensburg, Fabius, Hedge City, Hazelville, Rock Creek, and others.

A motion was made by John Webb and seconded by Betty Jo Gonnerman to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by RaNae Vaughn