

Walkertown Historical Society

Minutes for July 19, 2007

The meeting of the Walkertown Historical Society was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2007, by Chairperson Enos Jumper.

Present were:

- Enos Jumper,
- Wayne Mabe,
- Jane Morris,
- Wayne Biby,
- Harold Warner,

and Town Clerk Lynn McKinnie.

Also present from the Rural Hall Historical Society were Miranda Griffin and Stephanie Petree-Priddy.

COMMITTEE NAME

Mr. Jumper led off the discussion by asking what the actual name of this group should be. Various names were tossed out including Walkertown Historical Society, Walkertown Historical Committee, Walkertown Historical Association, Walkertown Historical Organization with the final tally being in favor of **Walkertown Historical Society**.

MOTION: TO ADOPT WALKERTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY AS THE NAME OF THE NEWLY FORMED GROUP
BY: WAYNE BIBY
SECOND: JANE MORRIS
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MISSION STATEMENT

A Mission Statement is a prerequisite for organization of the society. Several members had brought in mission statements from other historical groups for consideration by our group. The question was asked, "How specific do we want to get in our Mission Statement?" The general consensus was that we wanted something short, something direct, and to the point. Discussions concerning various "words" as they pertained to wording for the Mission Statement were talked about.

The group discussed issues pertaining to organizing and incorporating the Society. The Society needs to be incorporated, preferably under 501C. It must have bylaws and must have a budget. It should be kept separate from Town business because if too closely allied with government or elected officials, problems could arise as the elected officials change. Once we get our charter, we become autonomous and we would be protected by the charter. Miranda Griffin, of the Rural Hall Historical Society, stated that the first step for this Society would be to get a Mission Statement, then the Articles of Incorporation, then bylaws and the 501C.

It was finally agreed that the Mission Statement to be considered should read:

“.....To organize, collect and preserve the history of Walkertown and the (surrounding) (general) area.....”

The Society members were asked to consider this statement and at the next meeting bring back their changes, if any, to this statement.

Donations were another topic of discussion. Questions relevant to what type of donations we would accept; when we would accept them; where we would store donations until we had a place to display them; what would be the liability for donations; - these questions were all addressed in general discussion. A member asked what exactly the definition is of “donation” and “history”. The definition of those words embraces oral/verbal history, artifacts, photographs, objects of “antiquity” and any other type documentation of the past. A detailed “Receipt Book” should be kept and all donations logged in as received.

A member asked what artifacts could be put in the Griffith house. The house is owned by the town and as such, will designate when and how and for what purpose it is used.

MEETING

The group discussed the frequency of Society meetings and after several suggestions, it was decided to meet twice a month – **the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Take Mission Statement home and bring back any changes you personally want to make.
2. If there are any changes to receipts, make your suggestions.
3. If you have any recommendations for the bylaws, be prepared to discuss.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 3:45 P.M.
BY: WAYNE BIBY
SECOND: WAYNE MABE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk