

West Goshen Township
1025 Paoli Pike

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2023

Commission Members in Attendance: Nancy McCabe, , Kent Smith, Michael Pillagalli, Steve Lyons, Doug White, Kathy Massi, Rick Davis, Bonnie Dean

Commission Members not in Attendance: Norm Pines, Kevin Pistiner

Assistant Township Manager: (none)

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. 6:00

Approval of minutes of August 24, 2023:

A motion was made by Nancy McCabe to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Bonnie Dean. The minutes from the August 24, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Kent Smith reported expenses for August were \$325 for "An Evening with Jefferson" speaker Steven Edenbo. Amount is 50% deposit with signed contract. This brings the total expenses through August to \$634.

Old Business:

Historic Markers: Nothing new.

West Goshen Newsletter: Mike advised we already have interest in the Sept 28th speaker, Wade Catts, and two people have already registered. Suggestion was made to call Ken Lehr to add info regarding speaker to West Goshen Township website and Kevin to add to Facebook page.

Oral Histories: Bonnie suggested Mrs Jane Richards would be a good candidate for giving an oral history. She is related to the Forsythe family.

Speaker Series: Discussion was had regarding the number of attendees and how to accommodate them. Also discussed were terms of individual contracts.

New Business:

Friends of Shiloh AME: Discussion was had about the connection between Westtown & West Goshen Townships. Possibly the 1st AME Church in Chester County, established after Mother Bethel AME in Phila. A broader story of Underground Railroad activity in this area needs to be explored. Steve explained that we need a groundswell of support to get the property of the cemetery and Church into good stewardship. Also, discussion was had of possible connection between AME community and the Forsythe family.

Commission Members: Kent explained that he is moving out of West Goshen Twp and this will be his last meeting. This leaves three seats vacant on Commission.

Good and Welfare: Nothing new.

There being no further business, Bonnie motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.