

Gerald Rector, co-chairman, presided at the **July 17** meeting of Pana Pioneer Heritage Guild held at Pana Sportsman's Club. Others present were Steve Fry, John Broux, Malinda McClure, Jay Denton, Paul Meyerholz, Millie Meyerholz, Keith Cearlock and Tim DeSherlia.

The June meeting minutes were approved as read. Some of the accounts had been sent ahead of time by email due to the secretary's printer breakdown.

The June financial report was read aloud by Treasurer McClure, and approved.

Officers' reports:

Tim, co-chairman—went to Germantown to help tear down a barn, and two older men pulled nails, assisting with the operation. The salvaged lumber was brought to Pana to be stored. Junk lumber was destroyed.

Steve Sipes cut limbs off an oak tree in area needed for space relating to rebuilding Pryce house. There were 2X6 oak joists, shiplap, and 46 units of another kind equaling an estimated 600 board feet—which should cover the first floor of the Pryce house.

Marsha and Bob Arkebauer donated a rug loom on wheels, which was taken for storage at the Doc Marcin shop. The acquisition was documented with picture(s). Malinda stated the loom will need work to restore. There is more paperwork information to come. The artifact was made in the early 1900s and includes ironwork, warp and woof in its construction. Included with the loom is a brochure with patterns to make oriental rugs.

Millie—Bill Outis, maintenance supervisor, brought the full-size picnic table from the village to his home to repair the broken leg in late May. He replaced it with a new section which was bolted to the frame. After painting the new piece, he returned it to the village.

Steve--read a Thank You letter from Deb Foster, who with her husband Larry and two other family members came to the village June 6. Larry is a descendant of John Foster, who with his brother Joseph and other family members came with their parents, John and Eleanor Atkinson Foster, from Yorkshire, England in 1843 to live in America. Many of them settled and built homes in Todd's Point in Shelby County. Four generations, from the older couple to grandchildren, are buried in Foster Cemetery, which is near where Joseph and Mary Foster came in 1849 and built their two-story log house.

Three large framed photographs of the two-story stone Foster home place, nearby stone bridge and nearly 2,000 year old Roman-built road were given to the guild during that visit.

Tim gave a progress report on repair work being done to the Foster house from Todd's Point, which was given to the guild in the 1980s by Kenneth and Augusta "Gusti Snapp" of Redlands, California, Joseph and Mary's descendants. It was dismantled and rebuilt at Coal Creek Village.

The Foster family then went into the Foster place, where on the dining table Millie had put the history book containing stories and photographs of the four log buildings at the village, and several informational items that were given to them. Larry said he wanted the pictures to be hung in the house after work is completed.

In her correspondence, Mrs. Foster included a \$250 check to apply toward roof work scheduled for the building.

### **Old Business**

Tim related crops in the garden are growing well, such as zucchini, pole beans, and okra. He told members they were welcome to go there and pick some ripe vegetables for themselves.

Steve said the guild needs to get set up for non-profit organization status. He also stated that civil engineers he sometimes works at his job with Ameren has interns who might be useful for future planning.

Although no date was set, members talked about putting railing on the reconstructed ramp and landing and back porch roof on the south side of the Foster house, at some time in August.

Again, no date was set for completing the north half of the Foster house.

More information was given about the Oct. 6-8 Chautauqua programing by Tim. Millie and Keith opined that the guild's 20-minute skit does not give enough time for meaningful performances. It was agreed that the schedule should be lengthened.

The cookout fund-raiser by the guild set for Saturday, July 29 outside Sav-A-Lot was discussed, with it being mentioned that the cooks should be on site by 9:30 a.m. and the rest of helpers near starting time, 10 o'clock. Committed to help are Steve, John, Susan, Tim, Keith and Marilea, Millie and Paul and Malinda, Jay; also, Ralph Falconbury and Gary Henigman. Tim Christer, owner of the business, will furnish the food, which the guild pays for. (*Note: Due to sustained high heat in the 90s and high humidity, the event was cancelled and will be rescheduled.*).

### **New Business**

Bob Eversgurd had called to inform Tim some folks in his area—Germantown—have a log cabin to give away. Bob is willing to help tear it down.

Coal Creek Days will be held Friday-Sunday Sept. 1-3, and plans for the annual festival will include a blacksmith, spoon carver, potter, leather smith, rug weaver, wood wright, music, and Sunday morning church service. A preacher is to be secured for the latter.

In other business, a work day was set for Saturday, July 22 with chores to be finished by 1:00 p.m. The goal is to build a roof on the Ludewick cabin/blacksmith shop extension and clean out

the shop. Those wanting to meet for breakfast beforehand were to gather at 6:00 a.m. at Curly Girls restaurant. Others would be at the village between 6:30 and 7 that morning.

The guild will have planning meeting for the festival at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 7 at the village.

Next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21, tentatively set for either at the village or Sportsman's Club.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.