

Pana Pioneer Heritage Guild met Monday, Apr. 4 at Keith Cearlock's building at Industrial Park on Bear Creek Road. Co-chairman Tim DeSherlia presided with other members being present: Gerald Rector, co-chairman; Millie Meyerholz, secretary; Paul Meyerholz, Jay Denton, Judy Green, Bert Crowe, and Mr. Cearlock.

March 21 minutes were approved as read. A few paper copies were distributed. The account had also been posted on the guild's Facebook site.

There was no financial report; the guild had met only two weeks prior. Malinda McClure, treasurer, continued to recuperate from a recent illness.

It was Tim's idea to drop "Officers' Reports" from the agenda, due to the organization reverting to its by-laws which contain committees and their information.

Old Business

Members discussed the 1999 bylaws shown on a large wall screen. Revisions were considered. Some errors were found that need addressed. In addition, Millie had recorded several artifacts acquired through donations in a hardback book. It is believed that she turned the book over to someone else. An attempt will be made to retrieve the book and update it.

Committees are Site, Historic, Fund-Raising, Membership, Program, and Acquisitions. There will be three members on each committee, including a chairman. Each will involve keeping minutes of proceedings and report proposals to and request problem-solving from the guild.

Also considered was a complicated set of potential rules for the heritage garden, gleaned from various sources by Ms. McClure, and in a phone-based meeting with Gerald some weeks ago. These also were viewed on the screen.

The bylaws and garden rules were tabled for action to be taken at the May meeting, amendments to the former and approval for the latter. Keith Cearlock was given authority to make changes as discussed.

It was agreed to hire an attorney to do the documentation and to acquire an accountant to do the paperwork for our IRS-approved non-profit status. The information the guild must provide is complex.

The content of the guild's lockbox that was drilled then emptied was recorded by Millie. A list of those items was included in the March minutes. A new lockbox has not been acquired yet at First National Bank, where the guild's financial accounts are kept.

An explanation about a cemetery walk is done was explained by Millie. A first-time event at Coal Creek Cemetery is planned. It is about a half-mile from the main road. A communication from George Heintz, Oconee Township supervisor, was read by Millie. The township has charge of the site, but did not have funds to keep the road in usable condition last year. It will be discussed at the town board's next meeting.

Tim showed a photo of the general store and explained Henry Morgan's Eagle Scout project. Donations have almost reached \$8,000.

Membership was discussed, with the setting of youth category being ages 13 to 18.

New Business

Tim related that Brian Kinney of Pana has offered to pay for treatment of the ground inside and out of the perimeter of the Pryce house prior to reconstruction. The work will be done before and after backfill. The treatment will prevent infestation by termites, carpenter bees and ants, and other insects. The guild approved the quote of Terminex for \$728, and \$179 for renewed treatment, upon motion by Keith, second by Millie.

A two-story log building at Oakland, restored in 1993, and owned by a Moweaqua person was discussed as being for sale. But the availability was in 2002, it was said. It would be a neat place to visit.

Also considered for a return field trip by the guild is Bob Eversgurd's stone fort in Germantown. It also has some log buildings, and a stone structure (with authentic bank vault door) housing Indian artifacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The pioneer guild next will meet at 6:00 P.M. on May 16 at Coal Creek Village. Bring lawn chairs.