

Pioneer Guild plans more restoration, festival

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Excessive rains have interfered with plans to rebuild the Pryce house that was built over 170 years ago. But determination is expected to win out. Tim DeSherlia, co-chairman, told members of Pana Pioneer Heritage Guild that rainwater has again filled the Pryce house excavation. He knows of no way to prevent water runoff there. He wants the foundation and floor installed by the time of Coal Creek Days, Sept. 2-4. He had talked with the sawyer, who has most of the flooring cut.

The guild met July 18 at Pana News-Palladium office breakroom. Tim DeSherlia presided. Also present were new members, Steve and Angie Fry, who were welcomed by the other members present.

The June minutes were posted on the guild's Facebook site, with a copy of the printed version passed around for view by those who had no access to Internet.

Financial report: General Fund beginning balance \$383.70, with income from Pana Township donation \$600 and Heritage Days, \$151.57=\$731.57), totaling \$1,135.27. Expenses, \$275.95. Credit from RPL was \$82. Total, \$859.32.

Boy Scout Fund beginning balance \$9,298.51, with income \$600 donations=\$9,898.51. Expenses, RPL supplies \$6,208.

Building fund balance beginning and ending balance (no activity) was \$3,142.

The minutes and treasurer's reports were accepted as presented.

Old Business

It was reported that the security light had been restored at Coal Creek Village . .

Tim thanked everybody who helped on Cleanup Day, June 26, at the village.

He presented a receipt for linseed oil, purchased to treat the general store roof.

The garden is looking good, with green beans, cherry tomatoes, hot peppers and popcorn growing, among other plants, Tim described.

John Broux related he has worked on the Lumpkin Foundation grant application for the guild, which is due at the end of July. He said he will soon meet with City of Pana's development director Kirby Casner. Boy Scouts who will be working on Eagle Scout projects were to come to the village at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 20. A trac hoe is needed for the chinking of the general store. Materials that will be needed are sand, lime and Portland cement. John will check with Poggenpohl company about acquiring lime for the project. The original chinking materials were composed of dirt, horsehair, and pebbles. The other Scout project is to be taken on by Alex Peters, also of Macon County (as is Henry Morgan, who did the store roof project). Peters is to redo the village's entry gate at Fairgrounds Road as his Eagle Scout project.

Other Eagle Scout projects are available at the village.

It was requested that handicap access ramps be placed at general store and Foster house entries. There was discussion on that subject. No action was taken.

Motion made and carried to liquidate the Boy Scout account by splitting the amount of \$690.51 to the guild's general fund at First National Bank, and \$3,000 to the maintenance fund. The project is finished. Malinda McClure was appointed chairman of the Fundraising Committee by Co-Chairman DeSherlia.

Other committeemen are Keith Cearlock and Jay Denton.

Keith said he plans to work on creating the first kiosk to be erected at the village, to describe the guild and village history. Kiosks at each building are planned for individual information about those early settlers.

The guild set a work day and planning meeting for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1 at the village for preconstruction that is to later take place. Tim expected the session to last a half hour.

Coal Creek Days planning will be the main topic of the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15 at the village. If weather is adverse, the guild will instead meet at E-Revel building on Bear Creek Road.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.