

May 9, 2006
minutes of the
**Fair Grove Historical and
Preservation Society**

The May 9, 2006 meeting of the Fair Grove Historical and Preservation was held at the Fair Grove Lions Club. Carl Buckner brought the meeting to order.

The April 11, 2006 minutes were read in Marilyn Smith.

Carl Buckner asked for corrections?

Leon Beaty made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Beverly Lemon seconded that motion. It passed by a show of hands.

The treasurer's report was given by Ellen Carter, with an ending balance, as of April 30, 2006, of \$20,670.84.

\$3,452.05 (\$542.05 interest) was paid on the loan against the Old Mill Community Buildings.

Beverly Lemon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and Lysa Costillo seconded that motion. It passed by a show of hands.

Booth report:

Leon Beaty said two booths are vacant. Several people in process of sending in information, and those spots will be filled soon.

The Indians, from South American, want a booth. Do we let them in? There was quite a bit of discussion, as to where to put them, their type music and craft items. Mark McCarty said to let them in. The majority of the group was in favor. Leon suggested putting them in the west area, in the Livery Corral.

Gloria Short discussed park business: With the help of a grant, they have successfully paid for the land. They are in the process of getting a master's plan, fazed in over a number of years. They want to do it with grant money. Phase I: A walking trail going along the cemetery, along Mill Creek, and along the intermittent stream on John David Huff's property.

In regards to getting the grant: They are more successful if they have the people of the community behind them, donating money and labor to the project. They would like to have a sign by the rear portion of the cemetery, with dates, information about the Duke School House

... the historical significance of the cemetery.

The question was asked if the Historical Society would take care of obtaining the sign, and paying for it? A letter needs to be written from the Society to say we will partner in obtaining the sign. The cost should be around \$170.

Lysa Castillo asked if it would go on the west side of the cemetery? She would like to see the post and rail fence completed in that part of the cemetery.

Beverly Lemon made a motion to do this, referring to obtaining the sign, and paying for it. Mark McCarty seconded the motion, and it passed by a show of hands.

A suggestion was made by Gloria Short to get the sign made by the same company who made the current signs, so they will look alike.

Charlie Buckner asked about using the land for demonstration purposes? For corn and wheat planting?

Leon Beaty said he will need to check to see if it would interfere with the grant.

Bike Report:

Lysa Castillo said there has been no bike riders.

Farmers Market report:

Peggy Schletty said the market is going very well. Each week, she wonders what the weather will do. Don't forget to come to the Farmers' Market.

The food is good. Come support the 2007 Project Graduation group of students.

Carl Buckner said the food isn't like last year, it is good, plus you can eat at a reasonable cost.

Leon Beaty said they are working on the booklet; selling ads and so forth.

Carl Buckner said we need a volunteer to sell ads.

Charlie Buckner said several businesses right here in Fair Grove are hit up pretty hard for money. If we hit them up too many times, they will put the wagon train out of business. The ride is a lot of work to put on. If the 12-hitch is going to be done for the 2006 Reunion, he will have to get Joe Long out of Tennessee to come and help. He will need all the money he can get, to pull a semi 1200 miles. A little article in the booklet thanking them, would be nice.

Mike Rookstool said we should not hit them up a second time, but give them a little recognition.

Charlie Buckner said he thinks those involved puts on a pretty good ride, and it puts Fair Grove on the map. He said to let him see what he can do ... He'll see!

Leon Beaty has forms to use for advertising in the booklet. If anyone has a sponsor, contact him.

Charlie Buckner talked about putting a picture of the 12-hitch team in the booklet.

Membership report:

Peggy Schletty said there are 43 paid members, so far. Everyone is paid except one person ... Everyone laughed ... it was Leon!

Don Eagleburger talked about Dennis Eagleburger's property. He had talked to Robbie Eagleburger, Dennis' son. He said that his dad had mentioned that the Historical Society wants first option to purchase the property. He is going to take his horses out pretty soon.

A work day was set for 6:00, Thursday night, the 18th. The smoke stack in the steam engine room needs to be completed. The pile of lumber needs to be gotten out of there, behind the mill.

Beverly Lemon said thanks for picking up the pile of lumber in front of the Wommack Mill. Darrell and Ellen Carter picked it up.

Leon made a motion to adjourn. Lysa Castillo seconded that motion.

Mike Rookstool talked about the oak lumber. We can wait for the Reunion and saw some.