

Walkertown Historical Society

Minutes

August 9, 2007

Chairman Enos Jumper called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Present were Mr. Jumper, Wayne Biby, Wayne Mabe, Harold Warner, and Jane Morris. Also present was Town Clerk Lynn.

Mr. Jumper started the meeting off by saying that everyone is entitled to be heard and should be able to speak and that at this meeting, Committee members are to get his attention before speaking, in order to be recognized.

Mr. Warner agreed and said that we have a wide range of things to focus on and in order to keep up, we should focus only on one thing at a time.

Today, the focus would be the bylaws.

Looking at Lewisville and Stokes County bylaws, we should determine what, if any, of the articles listed on both would apply to Walkertown.

Mr. Mabe stated that the Mission Statement should come before anything else.

Mr. Mabe's version of a Mission Statement was hashed and rehashed with the final adaptation being adopted on a motion by Wayne Biby and seconded by Jane Morris, and then rescinded on a motion by Mr. Warner, seconded by Jane Morris. and then again presented for approval on a motion by Mr. Warner and seconded by Ms. Morris, as follows:

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Walkertown Historical Society is to research, collect, organize and preserve the history of Walkertown and the surrounding areas. This Society will seek to educate and communicate the story of Walkertown's rich history.

The Scope of the Society would serve as the "Purpose" in the Bylaws.

The Committee then went through the Lewisville and Stokes County Bylaws to adapt the wording to fit the Town of Walkertown. Mr. Warner felt that we would need the help of an attorney and possibly even a CPA and it looked like money would be involved.

The Committee agreed money could become an issue and it was discussed that the Town of Walkertown has said some monies could be available from the town to help out. Mr. Mabe suggested a preliminary budget for the group. Mr. Biby stated the use of an attorney would be very helpful in the legal aspects. He felt we should ask the town for the cost of an

attorney. Mr. Jumper volunteered that we should ask for \$500 for attorney fees and possibly \$300 for filing papers.

The Committee felt that Lewisville's Bylaws was more detailed but that Stokes County's was more readable. Mr. Mabe said Stokes County was much more simplistic and easier to follow. Mr. Jumper thought Lewisville's most likely was drafted by an attorney.

Mr. Warner stated that in the future, anything can be amended or changed. He also said that a Mission Statement is actually a "*statement of purpose*". He said it was unknown if full bylaws are required at this time to incorporate.

Mr. Mabe felt that we should have bylaws irrespective of whether they are needed or not.

Fees and charges were discussed with Mr. Warner asking, if charges and fees were implemented, how would that affect a tax exempt status? (We need an attorney.) After much discussion, it was decided to leave fees and charges in the bylaws.

Dues for the Society were decided upon as follows:

1. Annual dues for individual active members shall be \$20.00
2. Annual dues for families shall be \$30.00 which shall consist of all family members living in the same household and they should have a maximum voting power of two.
3. Annual dues for business or organizational members shall be \$35.00 with voting power of one.
4. Dues for life members shall be \$100.00.
 - This Committee would be on a FISCAL YEAR cycle and dues would be payable July 1st of each year.
 - It was determined that the Committee would meet bi-monthly starting in July.
 - Election of Board of Directors would be at the July meeting. This by motion from Jane Morris, seconded by Wayne Biby, and unanimously agreed on.

After much more discussion on the various bylaws, the Committee was asked to take home the Lewisville and Stokes County bylaws and study them for future committee meetings' discussion.

The Committee talked about "selling" the Walkertown Bicentennial booklets that Lynn had given them at the first meeting. In conclusion, Lynn was asked to report back to the Committee on the number of "Bicentennial" booklets for Walkertown that she still has.

The meeting adjourned by consensus of the members at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk