

HATT MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016, CLYMER LIBRARY 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30P.M. by Rick Bodenschatz. He welcomed all attendees. (70 attendees). Jim Forcella led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick announced the next meeting, the annual dinner, will be held at Lake Naomi Club on October 19th. Speaker Amy Leiser will talk about "Her Story. The Women who Shaped Monroe County." The bar will open at 6P.M. and dinner will be served at 6:30P.M. The program will follow dinner.

Rick reminded the audience of the Lutherland DVD and book that can be purchased for \$5.00 each at the library. Rick asked for helpers to distribute posters for the next meeting. Four volunteers were given the posters.

Rick announced the slate of officers to be elected at this meeting. A motion was made and 2nd to accept the slate and they received a unanimous vote in favor. The officers are: President: Chuck Waygood, Vice President: Kris Avery, Secretary: Peggy Rapp, Treasurer: Laura Laspee. The directors are Gene Kerrick and Doris Zimmerman, Bruce Denlinger to complete year 3 of his term. Rick will serve as past president and program chairperson. 7 volunteers make up the program committee. Scarlett Rehrig will be the archives chair. Rick said he is still in need of a volunteer to do the library displays.

SPEAKER: " THE ALAMO" presented by Jim Forcella

In the early 1800's, squatters moved into the Alamo area, which had been Spanish territory and then Mexican. The frontiersmen came from many different places and they each had their own style of dress and their own leadership. They would likely carry a long rifle, a gun, and a knife. Jim Bowie was a slave trader and gambler and he wanted Texas to become an independent nation. Davy Crockett was a scout and hunter from Tennessee. Sam Houston had lived with the Indian population and he preferred them to the whites. They did not all get along with each other.

Beginning in 1835 there were several battles pre-Alamo for the control of the territories. The Alamo was a 3 acre fort comprised of barracks for the soldiers and their families, a church, a convent, and a hospital. There were 200 frontiersmen soldiers and 6000 in the Mexican Army. The 90-minute battle left 1600 Mexicans and all the defenders of the Alamo dead. General Santana did not want to leave any survivors, but surprisingly he allowed the women and children to leave. Later in April of 1836 General Sam Houston got his revenge in another battle.

Following a question and answer period, Rick presented Jim with a certificate of appreciation for his talk. Rick then introduced the new President, Chuck Waygood. Chuck noted how HATT is increasing in size and attendance. He thanked Rick for his long and continued dedication and service to HATT.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanne Dyer (outgoing secretary)