

Meeting of HATT at Clymer Library

Thursday, July 13, 2017

There were 37 members and 18 non-members making a total of 55 attending.

Rick Bodenschatz called the meeting to order at 5:30. He started with leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He then mentioned the August meeting 8/10/17 at 11:00 at the Austin T. Blakeslee Nature Center would be the annual picnic. A-L bring a side dish and M-Z bring a dessert after you've dropped off a sample at Rick's house. Rick showed a series of binders containing the extensive genealogy of several of our original families, done by Ed Bassler. This "Ed Bassler Collection" will be placed in the local history department in the library. Gene Kerrick was also a contributor to this project, and wrote most of the synopsis of these families that appear on HATT's web site. Scarlett is off on a trip and the archives are 80% done. The Historical Roadside Markers are all planted. There are 25 on the tour and they are all on the website. There is a printed brochure that will be put in the Library, Township building and all 3 Post Offices and on its web site.

The Lutherland book/dvd is available for \$5. A reminder to pay your dues or you will be cut off in August. This secretary who was sick as a dog had to remind Rick about the Home for the Holidays concert that will take place on December 9th.

Rick then introduced our feature speaker, Kim Williams, a graduate of ESU and a railroad historian. His show consisted of many, many photographs that brought oohs and aahs from the crowd. In 1892 and 1893 the WB & E Railroad built it on the present day 940, bringing coal to the area and beyond. At one time there were 25 cars with coal going to Jersey City. In 1898 WB&E joined the New York Stock Exchange. In 1894 the first passenger train came through with stops in Pocono Lake and Naomi Lake and continued down to Eastern Pennsylvania. After 1902 the passenger train stopped running. Then they tried a mixed train of passengers and freight and in 1939 the last freight train ran. In 1940 the AA Morrison Co. from Buffalo, NY was hired to take up the rails and tracks for \$198,318.46. The Naomi station was where the Synagogue is now, one at Frisbee lumber and where the present Pocono Lake Supply.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Avery (helping out Peggy)