

Monthly meeting of the Blirstown Historic Preservation Committee was held at 7 p.m. on February 8, 2016. The following members were present: Theo Padavano, Christine Beegle (Chairperson), Barbara Green, Lori Nienstedt, Dave Harvey, Wick Mott, and Jeanette Iurato.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sunshine Statement was read. Meeting minutes of January 4, 2016, were approved.

Financial Report: \$7,420 budget submitted to CFO.

Social Media: Lori reported that we have over 500 followers, with good "conversations" transpiring. Notice of Anita Ardia's 100th birthday posted.

Upcoming events: **April 5**; Society of Skeptics at Blair Academy; talk by Elliott Trommald; event in conjunction with BHPC; Theo working on publicity with Blair. **May**: history month, various programs and speakers; opportunity to get schools involved. **May 14**: Chris to give walking tour to Presbyterian Women's Group. **May 21**: Participation in Warren County Preservation Day at Ramsaysburg Historic Homestead. **July 4**: Celebration at Footbridge Park. **Walking Tours**: Summer and October (Check with Martin Miller to see if Blair wants additional tours.)

Chris addressed notice/email that had been sent out by Jeanette. Publicity was sent out by Jeanette for the Elliott Trommald talk, which had been determined at previous BHPC meetings would be handled by BHPC with Theo working in conjunction with Martin Miller (Blair Academy). The email concerned domain names, which Jeanette had offered to purchase for BHPC. Subsequently, Jeanette reported that she was keeping the domain names for herself and stated in the email that she had not purchased them for the BHPC.

Blirstown Website: Christine working with Paul Avery to see what should be on Town's website. BHPC will use its own page and the Blirstown website to disseminate information to the public.

Cornerstone review: Theo looked at marble; no visible cracks. Theo is working on layout for brochures.

Branch manager at Library is keeping BHPC informed as to status of storage of *Blirstown Press*.

BHPC waiting for determination to find Boy Scout best suited for project to be completed re Eagle Scout/history theme.

National Geographic nomination for Historic Blirstown Village has been submitted.

Current research: plaque completion and compilation of information for the ticket booth at Footbridge Park.

Wick expressed concern over a possible conflict of interest that Jeanette could have with her business (which is for profit) and her membership on this committee. Theo suggested that perhaps she should recuse herself regarding pertinent determinations.

Next meeting: March 7 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Barbara Green, Secretary