

Wenonah Historical Society
General Membership Meeting

The Wenonah Historical Society (WHS) met at 7:30 PM on **November 12, 2021 IN PERSON** at the Community Center! This was our first in-person meeting since February 2020 when the COVID pandemic forced cancellation of public gatherings. President Charlie Horan called the meeting to order. He introduced Borough Council member, Dan Cox, who spoke briefly about proposed renovations in the Wenonah Park following the September 1 tornado. Dan showed a park map and asked members to note their suggestions on the map. A committee will consider all ideas and develop a master plan which will be implemented in the coming years.

The Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer, Scott Barnes reported a balance of \$8,680.79 in the checking account. Thank you notes were read from the two sixth grades students who received awards which WHS presented at their graduation.

New member, Bobbi Wilkins, was welcomed.

Charlie announced that **Clean Community Day** would take place on November 13. He asked members to volunteer to help.

The annual **Holiday Dinner** will take place on Thursday, December 2 at Telford Inn. There is a social hour from 6:00 to 7:00 PM; dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Choice of turkey or ham; price is \$30. Cash bar.

Charlie thanked Nora Taylor for organizing the **6th annual Cemetery Walk** which incorporated several new ideas – Dining with the Dearly Departed, live music presented by Quattro Bassi Quartet, and a scavenger hunt for young people.

New Business

Lou McCall proposed that we add two Vice Presidents to our Board of Trustees. This suggestion will be considered in the future as it requires an amendment to our bylaws.

Vicki McCall circulated a list of committees and projects so that members could consider joining a project that interests them.

Karen Heller announced that the **Whitall House** museum will be holding their annual Candlelight Tours on December 3 (6 to 9 PM), 4 (3 to 9 PM), and 5 (4 to 7 PM). Admission is free. Unique, handmade gifts will be available at the Holiday Pop Up Shops on the grounds of the house.

Refreshments were provided by Barb Conway, Vicki McCall, and Nora Taylor.

Following adjournment of the meeting, Jennie McQuaide presented the program for the evening. **Rick Mitchell** spoke about “**The Wilkins – A First Family of Wenonah**”. Charles Wilkins was the first mayor of Wenonah. He and his wife, Hattie, were the original owners of 206 E. Willow Street; Rick and his wife, Marna, are the current owners of that same home. Rick discovered a fascinating story about a piano contest which was won by Wenonah Elementary School. This program was recorded and will be available online in the near future.

Submitted by Jennie McQuaide, Secretary