

**Wenonah Historical Society**  
**General Membership Meeting**

The Wenonah Historical Society (WHS) met on **Friday, March 10, 2023** at the Community Center. President Charlie Horan opened the meeting and led members in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America. He asked for a moment of silent prayer for the Deptford police officer who was shot while on duty earlier that day.

Charlie welcomed members and guests.

**Secretary – Jennie McQuaide**

Minutes of the February meeting had been circulated via email.

**Treasurer – Scott Barnes**

Scott gave the monthly report; the current balance is \$12,779.38. Scott reminded us that annual dues of \$15 per household for 2023 were due in January. At this time, 64 households have paid dues. Scott sent reminder notices to the 32 households which have not renewed yet. **Checks payable to WHS should be mailed to: WHS, P.O. Box 32, Wenonah, NJ 08090.**

**Historic Plaques and Museum - Larry Smith**

Larry had no new information at this time.

**Refreshments**

Charlie thanked Diane MacWilliams, Eileen Caraker, Colleen Brett, Sherry Outten, and Susy Christensen who brought refreshments for this evening. He also noted that Kathy Becker is chairing the May picnic meeting.

**New Business**

Nora Taylor who is on the Board of the Gloucester County Historical Society announced that GCHS will be holding a special event at the Wenonah Cemetery on **Saturday, June 17 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM**. At that time, **Beck's Civil War Brigade Band** will perform and the **12<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Regiment** will hold an encampment there at the same time. Story tellers will talk about Civil War veterans who are buried in Wenonah Cemetery. The WHS Board of Trustees agreed to contribute \$150 to the 12<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Regiment.

## **Nominating Committee**

Charlie called on Lou McCall, the chairman of the Nominating Committee, to present the slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees for 2023 – 2025. Richard Dilks and Deb Montemore also served on the committee.

**President – Vicki McCall**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Gustavo DeMaia**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Jonathan Barbato**

**Secretary – Joanne Christodoulou**

**Treasurer - David Carter**

**Trustees – Charlie Horan and Nora Taylor**

Lou asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Nominations were closed at that time. The vote for officers will take place in April.

Charlie thanked Lou, Richard, and Deb for their work on the Nominating Committee.

The business meeting was adjourned.

The program for the evening was presented by **KiKi L'Italien**. It was called **We Never Have Tornadoes in Wenonah: Facts, Figures, and Stories from the Wenonah Historical Society Tornado Project**.

Committee members include Melissa Buscher, Kepler Gelotte, Linda Snock, and Carol Ann and Jack Wesh. The committee developed and circulated a survey so that residents could share their experiences during and after the tornado. They also conducted interviews with community members. If you want more information about the tornado and its impact, scroll through the different areas at this [site](#). The presentation includes many accounts of the generosity and kindness of neighbors helping neighbors. Through the diligence of this committee, WHS has a detailed record of events of that catastrophic day.

This program was recorded by Scott Barnes and will be available on YouTube within the next few weeks. Several other WHS programs are also available on YouTube.

Submitted by Jennie McQuaide, Secretary