

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

The Wenonah Historical Society (WHS) met on **April 8, 2022 at 7:30 PM** in the **library at Wenonah Elementary School**. President Charlie Horan welcomed members.

**Secretary's Minutes** were not read because they had been circulated via email.

**Treasurer's Report**

Scott Barnes reported that we have a balance of \$11,934.23. He reported that we received a donation of \$1,624 as a result of a fund-raising campaign led by Gustavo DeMaia. He reported that 60 households have paid dues for the current year. A small number of members have not yet paid dues for this year.

**Historic Home Plaques**

Larry Smith reported that he has completed researching deeds for 4 plaques. He also reported that Mark Honabach presented the sign from the front porch of Wenonah Medical Associates to WHS.

**May Picnic/Show and Tell**

Nora Taylor is coordinating the May Picnic which will be held on **Friday, May 13 at 6:00 PM** at the **Wenonah Presbyterian Church** meeting room. Attendees are asked to bring main dishes. Dessert is being provided by a member. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the April meeting. If you missed the meeting, please contact **Nora Taylor at 609 – 221 – 2912 or email her at [nalkire@comcast.net](mailto:nalkire@comcast.net)** to let her know what you plan to bring. Please bring your own beverage. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

The **Show and Tell** portion of the evening will be presented by those who want to share information about their own home or some aspect of Wenonah history. Each person is asked to limit their presentation to **5 minutes or less**.

**Cemetery Walk**

Nora Taylor tells us that the Cemetery Walk will take place on **Saturday, October 8, 2022**. The rain date is Sunday, October 9. She's asking for volunteers to help in various capacities. If you would like to participate, please contact her.

**Tornado Task Force**

Jack Wesh reported that the Task Force is moving along well. They're in the process of developing a survey. KiKi L'Italien is coordinating the committee.

## **Guest**

Bobbi Wilkins brought a friend to the meeting – Beverly Benson. Bev was an art teacher at Wenonah Elementary School in the past.

## **Red Bank Battlefield**

Karen Heller reported that many special events would be taking place at the Red Bank Battlefield on Saturday, April 9.

## **Presentation**

Rick Mitchell, who revealed a long-forgotten event in Wenonah Elementary School history at our November meeting, presented a framed photograph of the newspaper article which described the piano contest of 1895. Rick presented the photograph to WHS President, Charlie Horan. Charlie, then, presented the photograph to Wenonah Elementary School Board President, Lou McCall. Lou stated the framed photograph will be hung in the school so that current students can read about the historic contest which was won by those earlier students and the presentation of the piano which occurred in early 1896.

Hostesses for the evening were Deb Montemore and Sue Smith.

The program for the evening – **Wenonah Elementary School – A Treasure** was presented by Lou McCall, current President of the Board of Education. Lou presented many fascinating facts about the school system as it has grown and changed over more than a century. The program was recorded by Scott Barnes and it will be available on YouTube in the next few weeks.

Submitted by Jennie McQuaide, Secretary