

## **MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010**

The Mount Joy Township Historical Committee held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mount Joy Township Building at 902 Hoffman Home Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair, Elsie Morey, Vice-Chair Linda Bjornsen and Sally Alexander

### **CITIZENS PRESENT:**

Speros Marinos  
Dean Schultz

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTHS MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Linda Bjornsen to approve the minutes of the August 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Elsie Morey. The motion carried.

### **UPDATES:**

-The Guide Pamphlet/Driving Tour discussion took place. Linda showed the committee and the citizens present the latest version of the pamphlet. It was a larger size, included color photos of the historical sites and was generally easier to read and visually very attractive. Linda was going to work with the township to fix some placement issues and prepare the final version. The Township will print the pamphlets and the Historical Committee will pay for the paper and toner, with the money from the fundraiser earlier in the year. The Committee is planning on a first printing of 500 at a cost of \$.20 each.

-Elsie reported on the Township Open House that was held on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 o'clock am to 3 o'clock pm. She prepared a display with many photos and exhibits from the past of people and places of interest in Mt. Joy Township. Numerous citizens stopped by the Historical Committee's table and enjoyed the pictures and talked with Elsie. The powerpoint could not be used because there was too much light in the room.

-Sally reported that she has completed the research on updating the names and addresses of the historic homes and now needs to finish typing it onto a new spreadsheet and hopes to have it finished by next meeting.

-Elsie reported that the Mt. Joy map has been updated to have all the preserved farms identified.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-Elsie told the Committee that Gil Clark had asked the Historical Committee to write an article on the Mason-Dixon Line for the Township. Dean Schultz told the committee about several books that had written about the Mason Dixon Line, Surveying the Line was one, and that there were at least 3 markers still standing in Mt. Joy Township. There is one in Harney, one on Mason Dixon Farm and one near Old Line Road.

-Elsie showed the Committee an article she had written for the newsletter about the Jacob Schwartz Farm I and its role as a major Civil War Hospital. The Committee agreed that the article was very interesting and well written and should be a good addition to the newsletter.

-Elsie and Linda showed the Committee photos of historical homes and barns that they will match with parcel #'s and names in the future.

-The Committee discussed future projects including Indian history, early church histories, cemeteries, early families of Mt. Joy Township, war veterans of Mt. Joy Township, living histories, maps of early roads. Dean Schultz mentioned several people who did extensive research on local Indian history (the Moose brothers), but had recently passed away. He also told the Committee that the USGS had maps that showed the early roadways. Dean also told the Committee how the Township named the roads in the 1960's—generally it was who lived on them.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on November 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Alexander, Secretary