

Minutes of the July 15, 2008 Meeting of the Walkertown Area Historical Society

The first meeting of the Walkertown Area Historical Society, Inc. was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at the Walkertown Branch Library, 2969 Main Street, Walkertown, NC. The meeting began at 6 pm.

Several displays of photographs of well known historic homes and copies of important newspaper articles regarding historic events of the town were on display around the room. Drinks and cookies were available and a brief social hour allowed the attendees to meet old friends, meet new friends and study the exhibits. Three or four attendees brought historical photographs and artifacts and discussed these with interested people before and after the formal part of the meeting.

Mr. Larry Neal supervised the signing of our guest book at the door of the meeting room. Mrs. Louise Biby, Mrs. Dot Warner, and Mrs. Joanne Neal helped visitors complete membership forms and collected membership fees. Forty-one people signed the guest book, a small number did not sign in, and at the end of the meeting we had forty-two members, including the twenty-two who joined at the meeting.

The committee that developed the organization, wrote the bylaws, and incorporated the society conducted the meeting. This committee, which became the first Board of Directors, comprised Mr. Enos Jumper, Jr., Mr. Harold Warner, Mr. Wallace Baird, Mr. Wayne Biby, Ms. Jane Morris, and Mrs. Joanne Neal. Discussion and questions from the audience naturally focused on the plans for the society. Fund raising, record collection and preservation were the main topics. The answers can be summed up, perhaps, with the statement that the Society members will decide what is planned and what is accomplished. The overarching goal is to have an inclusive history of the Walkertown area with contributions from all interested members. It was clear that the historical records would include a Walkertown Area Historical Society, Inc. website, photographs, manuscripts, and artifacts. Obviously, as was mentioned in the meeting, a very desirable and necessary goal is a suitable building for housing and displaying these records.

Announcements included the time for the next meeting, August 19, and that election of officers would be held at that time. The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.

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