

# May Meeting Minutes

by Janice Eastridge

The Crawford County Historical & genealogical Society met May 08, 2006 in the Media Center at the Crawford County Jr.-Sr. High School, President Jim Kaiser presiding.

Richard Eastridge gave the history of the William and Sarah Redden Spears family.

Business Meeting Reports:

The April minutes were read, and approved.

The financial report was given by Sharon Morris with an ending balance of \$4150.77.

Bills were presented for dues to Indiana Historical Landmarks; and the Marengo Academy dedication: post-age, concrete, invitations and programs, vegetable and meat trays, and ornament supplies. Motion was made to accept and carried.

Priscilla Eastridge read a letter from Professor Johnson's great-granddaughter, and Evelyn Jackson also read a note of appreciation from the family concerning the Marengo Academy Marker.

Information on the Historical Survey was given by Richard Eastridge. Two people have been hired but no notification has been received at this time.

Larry Burmeister gave the Archive Report. There were 92 volunteer hours, 10 researchers, and 2 email requests. The total deposits were \$124, with \$26.55 cash on hand.

The Proctor House report was given by the Wisemans and the Jacksons. Bobby Wiseman called Larry Bye to request the sewer repair for the cemetery road. The old sewer was put back in using larger rocks, and more grass seed was sowed. Evelyn Jackson called Cinergy about the electric lines that are running through the tree. Cinergy is going to send someone to take a look. Four people assigned to community service will be at the house on Saturday. The financial report was given by Evelyn Jackson with an ending balance of \$3,522.10. Priscilla Eastridge read a letter announcing a \$2,200 grant had been received from Historic Landmarks. The History of the Proctor House is still being worked on needed for the National Registry application. A ceremony and special program will be held at the Proctor house on May 27 along with an open house for Indiana Preservation month. The flag pole will be dedicated in honor of all veterans.. All veterans present will be recognized.

The Marengo Garden Club is going to provide a wreath of Luke Wood. Jon and Sara Combs are going to read a brief history of the Luke Wood family. Open house will follow the ceremony, with the English Jay-C donating ten dozen cookies. Because if it for

preservation month, Becky suggested that expenses from open house be the responsibility of the Society and not the Proctor House committee, and approval was given. Items for the annual flea market will be accepted again after the open house. Set up for the flea market will begin on Friday June 30, and the sale will close on Tuesday July 4.

Glenn Crecelius gave an update on the music fest that will be held on August 19. Seven groups have been lined up. The music will start at 12 noon and end at 10:00 p.m. with each group playing approximately 1 1/2 hours. A fish fry is also being considered.

Becky gave the fund raising report. The English Alumni has offered to let the Society set up a table to take orders for the ornaments with the English school on them. It was also suggested to have order forms at an unattended table with mail order forms available.

Priscilla gave the membership report. There are now 134 members, some being for the 2006-07 year. The 2005-06 year ended with about 128 paid members. President Kaiser suggested that a one year family membership be given to all future guest speakers.

The Publication Committee report was given by Richard Eastridge. The commissioner book is finished and can be published at any time. Priscilla had mailed nine books. Two went to Wisconsin and seven to Monroe County, Indiana.

Densil Wilson gave the Vice President's Report. The Indiana and Louisville Genealogical Societies are having a book fair. Densil also received an email from Norm Lynch of Gary, IN who paid his yearly dues and also made a cash donation. The Pioneer Days at Patoka Elementary will be held sometime this fall. Heritage Day at Patoka Lake will be May 20 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There is no information on Old Eckerty Days at this time, and the Sorghum Festival will be held the third Saturday in October.

Richard Eastridge was sent more information on the Marengo Academy. He will send it to Steve Barry to add to the file. Richard also suggested sending an application for a marker for the railroad.

The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2006 at the Crawford County High School.