

## Berlin Historical Society Minutes of October 27, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Berlin Historical Society opened at 7:05 p.m. at the Berlin Town Office Building. Members in attendance were Norb Rhinerson, Maudean Neill, Lewis Neill, Lynn McManus, Cheryl Poor, Mary Wells and Walter Wells.

The minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting and the September 30, 2009 meeting were approved as written. Cheryl Poor made the motion to accept the minutes and Maudean Neill seconded the motion.

Mary Wells reported that there is a total of \$47,204.64 in the Historical Society accounts. Maudean Neill made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Cheryl Poor seconded the motion.

Norb displayed the information that will be attached to the school bell and historic desk at the elementary school. He included a photo of the Berlin Corner School with the information about each item.

Norb reported that he sent photos of Currier gravestones from Dewey-Wright Cemetery to Robert Cerro of New York, who is researching the Currier and Harrigan families and is planning to visit Berlin. He asked Mr. Cerro to share his research with us and indicate if there was a connection to James Currier (d. 1869).

Norb received an inquiry from Patricia Flynn regarding the closing of the MacKenzie Church. Cheryl Poor offered to contact the son of John Evans, who had worked toward getting the church buildings accepted on the Historical Registry.

Norb received an inquiry from Richard Lindsley of Florida about a Richard Bailey (b. 1808?) in Berlin. We have had previous inquiries about Richard Bailey and we do have some information to help Mr. Lindsley.

Richard Turner has offered to help Charles Farrell with a study about the history of schools in Berlin. Mr. Farrell listed 14 school districts in Berlin, while the Historical Society is only aware of 12 school districts.

Roberta Haskins will send a photo of the airport at Berlin in 1952, which she says includes the image of Dwight Eisenhower.

There was discussion about how to dispose of some of the artifacts that are taking up much space in the Historical Society room. Walter Wells offered to put some of the items on Craig's List.

Maudean will head up the research for our display at next year's History Expo. The theme is "Back to the Land" so she is looking into historical records about agriculture in Berlin.

Thank you to Nancy Tripp for planning and maintaining the Veterans Memorial Planter. The flowers and greenery make the memorial very attractive.

There are interesting meetings being planned for the future. Topics include Knapp Airport (potluck meeting 2010), Brigham family, Perrin family and old roads of Berlin. Our next meeting will be held on December 15, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn McManus

