

2019

The monthly meeting was held in Faulkner Hall at St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg. In attendance were Trip and Myra Wiggins, Bill Reese, John Gwynn, Bob and Cindy Roser, Beth Spragins and guest Danielle Gibeson.

President Episcopo called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. A quorum was present.

Jeannette gave a brief festival update. Because it will be our last festival, John Gwynn offered his heartfelt thanks to all members who have worked so hard on the event for so many years. Myra asked if her daughter's friend could be a vendor and share Elisa's table. The friend's specialty is henna tattoos. The group agreed that if she offered Celtic designs, she would be welcome. Myra confirmed that the friend has a Fredericksburg business license.

The president read the minutes from May. They were approved as written.

Myra made a motion that henceforth the secretary will email a copy of the monthly minutes to every member as soon as possible. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Those members without email will receive the minutes via snail mail.

Treasurer Myra Wiggins reported that the society received a nice "thank you" note from the coordinators of the Scottish-Welsh Harp Day event for our \$100 donation. We've received \$25 dues from Rik Rice and \$25 from Steve Jarren. Five other people sent their dues after receiving a reminder email. Myra will snail mail a reminder to those who have not responded to the email. The society paid \$483.88 to renew the web domain. Other payments

were made for the storage unit and hall rental fees for Faulkner Hall for 2018. We have approximately \$4,500 in the bank. Myra will send the correct balance to Jeannette as soon as she can.

Bob Roser shared a copy of a magazine published in Aberystwyth which is written in both Welsh and English. There are several excellent Welsh recipes in the magazine. Let Bob know if you're interested in receiving a copy of them.

There was a brief discussion of the fallout from the failed Brexit deal in the UK. Bob reported that Wales had received some funding from the European Union, despite the uncertain situation.

John Gwynn mentioned that he was planning to attend another Welsh Heritage Week. Held every five years, this one will be on the northwest coast of Wales.

Trip Wiggins recapped the story of the Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond before we watched the last part of the video produced by the BBC and local PBS station WCVE. It tells the stories of the Tredegar Iron Works in Tredegar, Wales and the Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond, Virginia. Nathan Madison will give a talk about this at our festival.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary Jeannette Episcopo.