

**Morgantown Museum Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2015**

**Present:** Pam Casto, Pam Ball, Matt Held, Rick McEwuen, Michael Mackert, Nikki Lewis (from Main Street Morgantown)

Pam Ball called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. Minutes from the December meeting were approved as written.

Pam Casto related that she had posted pictures from the Richard Mine exhibit on Facebook. The exhibit will run for 12 weeks starting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Pam Ball said she received an email from Mel Burch regarding the malfunctioning condensate pump on the furnace. Mel said that Butch from Suburban will be replacing the pump. Michael said that had already had been done.

Pam Ball also said she was working on the grant application for the County. This year funding has to be for a specific project. The project this years' funding will be an effort to locate the original location of the Michael Kerns boatyard on Decker's Creek. This will also tie in with the Flatboat Project and the efforts to get Kern's Fort in to public ownership.

There was no report from Flatboat Committee but they will be meeting next Thursday.

Michael reported the completion of the 2 hour final telephone interview regarding the Smithsonian Hometown Teams exhibit.

Pam Casto reported that she has nearly completed a "History in a Trunk" with a focus on the area petroglyphs. The topic of transportation was suggested as a next subject for a trunk. There are currently trunks available to teachers focusing on the glass industry, the Morgan Shirt factory, the flatboat, and child labor.

Matt reported he had met with 2 engineers from ZMM Architects and Engineers, Samuel Butzer and Robert Dorfinger, regarding the HVAC humidity control issues we have been having trouble with. They will write up a proposal. Matt will be meeting with representatives from the Trane Co. next week and possibly Honeywell soon after that. After several proposals are received, we will know how best to proceed to remedy the situation best.

Michael said the upcoming exhibits will include a travelling exhibit on the Hatfields & McCoys, and an exhibit on WV glass and ceramics

It was decided to increase the size of the ad in the *3 Cities* magazine to a ¼ page and have the ad redesigned to be more eye-catching

Michael told of recent donations of several books and two Edison cylinder records. He also reported the completion of the application for volunteers from the WVU Service Learning program.

Matt announced the proposed name for the pedestrian bridge over Decker's Creek to the rail-trail is "Kern's Crossing" as presented to City Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Rick McEwuen, secretary