

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

Historical Bulletin

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Claude Stahl, of Pierceton, was re-elected president of the Kosciusko County Historical Society at a meeting of the society held in the Shrine building at the Kosciusko County Fair Grounds March 3.

About 60 persons attended the meeting that featured election of officers and reports of the officers.

Other officers elected for 1967 were Mrs. Floyd Schue, Warsaw, first vice president; Waldo Adams, Rt. 2, Akron, second vice president; John Steffe, Warsaw, third vice president; Mrs. W. E. Creighton, Rt. 5, Warsaw, secretary; Mrs. Geraldine Lemna, Warsaw, assistant secretary. Robert Chamness, of Warsaw, who has served as assistant treasurer, was elected treasurer to succeed Ralph Brubaker of Leesburg. Mr. Brubaker notified the nominating committee that he did not wish to serve due to health reasons. Mrs. Ira Moore, of Warsaw, was elected assistant treasurer.

The nominating committee consisted of Mrs. Ruth Kain, Joe Ettinger and Mrs. Dorothy Nice, all of Warsaw. Mrs. Kain, in making the nominations, stated that the committee felt the officers selected last year had done such a good job they should be given a chance to serve again this year. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved by acclamation of the members present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Stahl reported that there were 377 persons now on the membership rolls.

He reviewed the activities of the past year: The seminar

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held in the fall in conjunction with the Kosciusko County Extension Service, was attended by an average of 100 persons per meeting. Each of the four meetings covered a different phase of Indiana History.

The president also reported that the society had exhibits at the Pierceton Centennial, and Kosciusko County Fair. The association also was represented in the Pierceton Centennial parade, Mermaid Festival, Syracuse Police and Fireman's parade at Syracuse.

The association published two bulletins during 1966, and several members filled speaking engagements on county history and the historical society.

FUTURE PLANS

Mr. Stahl announced that Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pound, of Oswego, had offered to donate the store building in their community to the society for a historical landmark.

The building is one of the oldest commercial buildings in the county. Stahl stated that the society planned to create a pioneer store which would be open to the public. He also announced that plans were underway for the society to place exhibit cases in the courthouse. He expressed the hope that membership of the organization could be increased during 1967.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In the absence of Mr. Brubaker, Robert Chamness gave the annual financial report. He stated that dues collected totaled \$719. Donations from Pierceton residents for the bulletin, fees collected for the seminar, and other miscellaneous receipts came to \$362. Receipts from all sources were listed as \$1,081.

Disbursements were listed as follows: Publication of the bulletins \$303.45; postage \$73.08; speakers for the seminar \$50; Fair booth expense \$36.00; rent \$10; miscellaneous expense \$45.14.

Balance after bills were paid as of Jan. 30, 1967, \$563.33. Mr. Brubaker's books were audited by Mrs. LaVere Vanator and Mrs. Josephine Hopkins, both of Leesburg.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held by the general membership. Kenneth

Haney, of Jefferson Township, proposed that the society's next exhibition at the county fair include a map of the county with electric light bulbs placed in the historical areas, and that when a button was pressed, a recording would give the history of each site.

Another proposal was introduced that the society check on microfilming old newspapers and records. James Sloan, Warsaw, Wayne Township librarian, reported that these papers, dating back more than 100 years, are deteriorating and there is a pressing need for them to be microfilmed.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND

A proposal to amend the constitution of the society was introduced at the general meeting. The proposal will be voted on by the general membership at the next meeting. Ronald Sharp, of Syracuse proposed that an additional officer, a fourth vice president be elected. This would give the society nine officers, a minimum needed to form a board of directors for incorporation of the society. The elected officers would serve as the board of directors. Sharp also proposed that all officers be elected for a two-year period and that the president, secretary and treasurer start their two-year term Jan. 1, 1967. He pointed out that two-year terms would mean that not all the officers of the society would be changed at once, resulting in a more stable leadership.

GROUP TO BE INCORPORATED

The Kosciusko County Historical Society will soon become a corporation. This will make it possible for the group to be established as a non-profit organization. Gifts, donations, and property can be held by the group. The executive board decided to incorporate after being advised by an attorney to do so before they accepted title to any property. It is hoped that the incorporation paper will soon be signed and filed with the state.

HISTORICAL SEMINARS

By RUTH KAIN

A Sesquicentennial series of four Seminar meetings in History, under the sponsorship of the Kosciusko County Historical