

Wenonah Historical Society
General Membership Meeting

The Wenonah Historical Society (WHS) met on **Friday, January 13, 2023** at the Community Center. President Charlie Horan opened the meeting by asking members to say The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America. He welcomed members and asked guests to introduce themselves. He also welcomed recently installed Mayor Jessica Doheny.

Secretary – Jennie McQuaide

Brief minutes of the December Holiday Dinner had been circulated via email.

Treasurer – Scott Barnes

Scott gave a detailed report as is customary at our January meeting. Current checking account balance is \$12,017.38. In addition, he reported 3 CDs valued at \$59,966.09. Scott reminded us that annual dues of \$15 per household for 2023 are due during January. **Checks payable to WHS should be mailed to WHS, P.O. Box 32, Wenonah, NJ 08090.**

Unfinished Business

Charlie received an email from the East Greenwich Historical Society thanking him and Nora for assistance which they provided about setting up a Historical Society.

Historic Plaques - Larry Smith

Larry reported 13 plaques were delivered during 2022. Total revenue was \$975. From 2017 to 2022, 74 plaques have been presented. Income over the six-year period was \$5300. If this project sounds interesting to you, please let Larry know. He's looking for assistance and a future replacement for himself.

Museum – Larry Smith

Larry reported that Fred Heaney donated several photographs and three historic plates from the Wenonah Military Academy.

Refreshments

Charlie thanked Nora Taylor and others who brought refreshments for this evening. Nora circulated a sign-up sheet asking members to provide refreshments for future meetings. If you missed the meeting, please contact Nora or any officer if you're willing to help with snacks for¹ upcoming meetings.

New Business

Nora announced a special program presented by the Gloucester County Historical Society (GCHS) on Tuesday, February 14. The program is called "Betsy and John – A Love Story". Betsy Griscom will tell the story of her courtship and marriage to John Ross. You'll visit the hearth where they were married and take a peek at the original hand-drawn Griscom family genealogy chart. Reservations are required. For further information, contact GCHS.

The business meeting was adjourned.

The program for the evening was presented by **Heidi Congalton**. She and her husband, Tom, are owners of **Between the Covers Rare Books**. Heidi gave a detailed explanation about what constitutes a rare book and she told about some very fascinating discoveries they've made over the years they've been in business. She also explained how the internet has totally changed their way of doing business. A wealth of information is available at their website – betweenthecovers.com

Heidi displayed numerous examples of rare books and explained what made them unique.

This program was recorded by Scott Barnes and it will be available on YouTube within the next few weeks. Several other programs are also available.

Submitted by Jennie McQuaide, Secretary