

**Minutes of the Knox County Historical Society**  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

The Knox County Historical Society meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Brent Karhoff.

A motion was made by Pam Witherow and seconded by Betty Jo Gonnerman to approve the minutes of the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as presented. The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

No formal treasurer's report was submitted, but Carolyn Morgret stated that the balance is over \$11,000. The historical society paid the following amounts throughout the year: \$750 to Liberty Utilities, \$200 to Ameren, \$175 to the City of Edina, and \$1,169 to the State of Missouri.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Pam Witherow enthusiastically reported about her attendance at the free cemetery workshop held at the Shiloh Cemetery near Bethel on September 25th. The workshop was presented by Lea Ann Robertson and Kathleen Wilham.

The annual trivia fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Steve Blodgett will set up the equipment, screen, etc. Workers will need to arrive by 4 p.m. to set up tables and prepare refreshments. Carolyn Morgret passed a signup sheet around for volunteers to assist in working the event, supply refreshments, and bring prizes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The museum is closed for the season. Vada will be covering up the furniture in the museum within a week or two.

Shop Edina will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving throughout the day. Two or three tables of items will be displayed for sale. Joyce Norton donated a large Christmas wreath for the event.

Pat Schultz knows a man named Danny from Durham who will be willing to repair the museum's porch, but he wants to speak to Brent about what is needed.

RaNae Vaughn presented a program on Brigadier General Henry Little. Henry Little served in the U.S. Army over 22 years, but when he was ordered to leave Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis to muster new recruits for the Union, he resigned and joined the Confederate Army. Henry Little fought under Major General Sterling Price, and was killed in the Battle of Iuka, Mississippi, on 19 September 1862. Henry Little's legacy was left in 13 small diaries. Written in his own handwriting, the diaries provide a fascinating insight into the activities of a soldier who fought for both the Union and Confederate sides. These diaries are likely the last diaries of a Civil War-era officer that remain in the private hands of the Little family. Except for one small book written by Fielding Lewis Tyler, a descendant of Henry Little, and RaNae Vaughn, the diaries are still unpublished. Henry Little's last notation was that he slept unrefreshed and "dreaded another night march." The final diary entry was written by Father John Bannon, the division

chaplain, who explained that General Little was “struck with a minié ball on the line of scalp over the left eye,” while he was conversing with General Sterling Price on the battlefield. He was buried in a rose garden in Iuka at a home used as the Confederate headquarters until his wife moved his remains a couple of years later.

The next regular meeting of the Historical Society will be Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Betty Jo Gonnerman and seconded by Susie Cahalan to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.